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# Paramilitaries tell 'King Rat': Leave Ulster or die

DAVID MCKITTRICK ireland correspondent

Ominous stirrings in the loyalist paramilitary underworld came to a bead yesterday when all the major organisations combined to order a leading loyalist out of Northern Ireland.

Billy Wright, a Portadown man who bas become the leading public symbol of loyalist militancy, was told that he had 72 hours, from midnight last

A statement from the "Combined Loyalist Military Command," which represents the Ulster Volunteer Force, Ulster Defence Association and Red Hand Commandos, warned that failure to comply with this "directive" would result in "summary justice". This clearly amounts to a death threat. A similar threat was issued

against Alec Kerr, a south

Belfast figure who was, until

recent years, associated with the and other violence in the Por-UDA. The statement warned that Mr Kerr, presently in custody awaiting trial on a terror-ist charge, should be kept in isolation and on his release should leave the country.

Mr Wright bas been a leading loyalist figure for many years, serving a prison sentence for UVF-linked activities. He is believed to have been questioned by police on a number of occasions about UVF murders

tadown area. Last month, the Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble, was criticised for privately meeting him during the Drumcree parade stand-off.

Mr Wright and Mr Kerr are said to have formed an alliance objecting to the comparatively moderate line taken in recent years by the leaderships of the UVF and UDA. The killing of a Catholic man near Portadown during the Drumcree stand-

off is said by RUC sources to have been the work of the local UVF unit. Police believe it was carried out against the wishes of the main organisation. Several weeks ago the UVF

announced that it was expelling its mid-Ulster unit, with which Mr Wright had been associated. That made him a marked man and a senior security source remarked: "It's really just a marter of who guts to him first -the UVF, the IRA or us. He's

clever and conning ... but doesn't really have widespread support."

Police last week made arrests during what appears to bave been an attempt to stage a lov-alist display of arms. The UVF seems to have interpreted this as an act of defiance against its authority, leading to the move against Mr Wright and Mr Kerr. Before the IRA ceasefire of August 1994, Mr Wright survived a number of IRA atnewspaper interview: "I am married, I have kids, but morally I bave to lay down my life. If was shot dead in the morning. I would laugh in my grave." Leaders of the four main churches in Northern Ireland vesterday condemned reports that Catholics in a number of areas are boycotting Protes-

tant businesses in the wake of the Orange Order marching



# Blair is a dictator, Labour

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Tony Blair's modernisation of the Labour Party comes under withering attack today from a . Blair with "demon eyes" again leading backbench MP, who describes himself as a "squashed-hedgehog on the party has struck a "Faustian

As the Labour leader today sets out to sell his message to the country, Austin Mitchell, the Euro-sceptic MP for Grimsby, said Mr Blair was paying "lip ser-vice" to the idea that ordinary party members have any power. He says Labour has no answer to "how our policy processes dif-

fer from Kim Il Sung's". This latest broadside against Mr Blair's leadership follows similar criticism by John Prescott, the deputy leader, in an interview with The Independent, and from frontbench

spokeswoman Clare Short. Mr Blair, with Mr Prescott in tow, today begins a nationwide tour to sell the New Labour draft manifesto "street hy street in order to bypass the London media and its obsession

Westminster gossip". But Mr Mitchell, writing in lomarious New Statesman, aves file ipir a sour send-off, sping. "We pretend our work important Tony pretends to sten. Then be gets on with his spirit of the pretend of the pretend what maljob of putting forward what wants in our name."

Writing of his experience of selling the manifesto, New Life for Britain, to party members, bir Mitchell says: The new docment isn't intended for you as party members. Your role is to endorse if, preferably with acchamation. This isn't the Labour Party as we know it. Our leadin are playing a different game from us. It's a power game in which different rules apply." After the Advertising Stan-

dards Antbority broke new ground yesterday by banning a political advertisement - ruling that the Tories should not use the controversial image of Tony - Mr Mitchell echoes the Tories' demonic imagery. He says the pact" with Mr Blair. "Tony'll win for us. In return we've put our souls, our party and our dreams in his hands. They're not Labour hands. His instincts aren't ours," he writes.

But he goes on: "Yet he is in better tune with the new Britain than we are, and he's a winner. It's a pretty good bargain for a party that blew it a decade ago." The Labour leader vigor-

ously defended his changes to the party in his first interview since returning from holiday. Speaking on Channel 4 News, Mr Blair said: "Whenever you embark on a process of change and modernisation, of course there will always be dissent

And he dismissed the criticisms about the influence of the party's "spin doctors", saying they were ignoring the real is-"One of the things that I think is absolutely essential is that we go beyond all this trivia and the flotsam and jetsam of little internal party disputes and we focus on the fundaly matter of the British people."

Meanwhile, the Advertising Standards Authority, despite deciding that "most readers" would not see the Tory "demon" image of Mr Blair as "satanic" said it breached a new rule brought in last year because it depicted the Labour leader as sinister and dishonest".

Michael Trend, the deputy Tory charman, said that the party had already decided not to



Cynthia Giannini of Chicago's Joffrey Ballet performs 'Billboards', which opened last night at the Royal Festival Hall. Set to the music of Prince, the work has been massively successful in the US

Photograph: Laune Lewis

### errors cause college chaos FRAN ABRAMS dents were going to take them up or not. Cajitin D'Silva, projects manager in charge of GNVQ admissions for Anglia Polytechnic Thousands of students taking vocational A-levels have still not

Exam board

Education Correspondent

had their university places confirmed, it emerged last night. Administrative errors and holdups by both examination boards and schools have contributed to the problem.

One board sent out 850 students' results containing mistakes and had to fax every university in the country to withdraw them again.

Almost 4,700 candidates, onequarter of those offered university places with General National Vocational Qualifications (GNVQs), have not had official notification of their results. Universities have been forced to hold students' places open even though they may have failed to complete their courses.

Last night, one admissions tutor said that the future of the new GNVQs could be endangered by the problems. Students looking for places through the clearing system could not compete with A-level candidates because they could not prove their results, he said. And universities and colleges could not free up spare places for other

University, said he planned to complain. As numbers taking the exams increased the problems would get worse, he added.

We feel all the bard work done by all those involved and even the qualification itself could be jeopardised," he said. Nigel Scott, operations di-

rector of the Royal Society of Arts (RSA) examinations board. said that there had been some teething troubles - the exams were introduced in 1992 but results have been processed through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas) for the first time this year. Wrong information sent out

on half the 1,700 RSA candidates had been withdrawn within hours, Mr Scott said. "In a process as important as this we will obviously review it and discuss bow anything that has caused some problems can be made to work better," be said. A total of 243,991 students

have now bad places confirmed for this year, 1,900 more than at the same time last year. Full details of places still available candidates because they did through clearing are published not know whether GNVQ stu-with today's Independent.

### QUICKLY

Hostages speak out Passengers beld hostage on board the hijacked Sudan Airways flight told of their ordeal at the hands of "terrorists" armed with knives, bombs and broken bottles. The hostages claimed they had behaved brutally and threatened to blow up the aircraft when one of them Page 2 was overpowered.

**BSE** danger revealed One in 50 cows used for food in the past 10 years was incusating BSE, according to a new British study. The research cannot show if recent cases of Crentzfeldt-Jakob Disease, were caused by infected food, an gives an analysis of the scale of the problem. Page 4

BBC political drama The BBC was embroiled in a political row last night after it unounced two new dramas which appeared to be critical of lew Labour. The corporation iso faces suggestions that a new vason of programmes may thetto-ise" Britain's black

# Vhat now for Charles?

The clerk with the rubber stamp at the Registry Department of Somerset House yesterday did more than make absolute the After all, the monarchy has decree proclaiming the divorce of the Prince and Princess of Wales. His action gave official imprimatur to a new phase of deliberation over the future of the British monarchy.

The attention of the photographers may have been upon Diana, Princess of Wales, as she will henceforth be styled. But though the royal divorcee will undonbtedly remain meat for the gossip columns, her ability to make constitutional waves will fade. Attention will now focus on her former husband and the question of whether he will marry again.

Few can doubt that Prince
Charles will now tussle with the
eventual possibility of finally
marrying the woman he is said
to have loved for two decades. Secular liberals might be tempted to argue simply that he

### By Paul Vallely

changed dramatically during this century. Why not allow Charles to be a monarch in tune

with his times?

The problem is that Charles himself does not appear to want to be a monarch in the European bicycling mould.

It is the Church of England

which, unusually, is the cause of the nation not being able to have it both ways. When the sovereign dies the Privy Council meets to pronounce the heir apparent as successor. But coronation is a reof God". The Church which conducts that consecration also holds that marriage involves similar lifelong vows. Prince Charles, its purists argue, failed to keep the former - so how can

he undertake the latter?

church. If Charles re-marries before the Queen dies, the Arch-bishop of Canterbury might be faced with the invidious choice of refusing to crown a Queen Camilla or else requesting the disestablishment of the Church.

Church constitutionalists in-

sist that the position of the Sov-

ereign as Supreme Governor of the Church of England is inextricably intertwined with the relationship between the state family which epitomises and its official church. Pluck out pirations of its people? that strand, and the whole knot will unravel by which bishops ligious service in which the king are appointed by the prime makes solemn yows "in the sight minister in the Sovereign's minister in the Sovereign's feels public opinion would come name, by which bishops sit in the to accept a morganatic marriage is a priest in every parish and a can decide that the time has church for everyone in the land. come for the monarchy and the The Church might then be taken over by rabid evangelicals. This is all alarmist stuff. In-The Church of England dis- stead, the British genius for

haps the Supreme Governorship could be transferred to Lambeth Palace. Perhaps establishment could be remodelled along the lines of the Church of Scotland, which has no Supreme Governor. It might well be that disestablishment is exactly what An-

glicanism needs to reinvigorate itself in a pluralist society. Prince Charles is caught between two visions of what a modern monarchy should be: should it be a symbol of temporal and spiritual unity, or a family which epitomises the as-

This then is the stark choice which faces the Prince of Wales. He can remain single until be House of Lords, by which there or an uncrowned consort. Or he church to strike out. He should not rush his decision; unlike most others made by the Royal Family in recent years, this one may Page 5 should be entitled to remarry. approves of remarriage in compromise should deliver. Per- change our whole public polity.

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Airliner ordeal: 'Peaceful' asylum-seekers portrayed as terrorists armed with bombs and knives

# Hostages tell of 'brutal' hijack

STEVE BOGGAN, JASON BENNETTO and ANTHONY BEVINS

Passengers held hostage on board the hijacked Sudan Airways flight into Britain told vesterday of their ordeal at the hands of "terrorists" armed with knives, bombs and broken

Contrary to earlier descrip-tions of the kidnappers as frightened family men fleeing the clutches of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, the hostages said they hehaved brutally and threatened to blow up the aircraft when one of them was

sources last night rejected suggestions that the seven men were related to Saddam or were part of his "inner circle".

Although this leaves open the possibility that they are political opponents, their identities remain a mystery and Iraqi dissidents in Britain vesterday cast doubts on this theory.

A security source said: "At this stage there is nothing to show they are members of any organisation.

The only hostage officially allowed to speak officially said last night that Britain would be wrong to grant political asylum. Elageed A-Saied, 43, a Sudau Airways marketing director, Security and government said: They would not be good

people for Britain to grant people on board. A security threat to blow up the aircraft asylum to. They have hijacked man hit one of the captors in the "It was very terrible," he said. a civilian plane, with civilian passengers and sick passengers and children.

"It really is something very, very bad and they should be severely punished.

Ahmed Ahubasher, 42, another of the 199 passengers, and crew aboard Sudan Airways. flight SUD 150 from Khartoum to Amma, said: "At first, was like a football riot. People were hitting each

other and fighting with the terrorists. For half an hour we were absolutely terrified until the plane refuelled in Cyprus.
"They had knives and we thought they wanted to kill

face. One of the others [hijackers) had a knife and he nabbed him.

"There was shouting and screaming. There were women and children there. They were crying and very frightened.
They took two air stewards hostage and threatened them

with knives."
Ahmed Ali, a Sudanese national, said be saw the hijackers produce two "bombs", since described by police as fakes.

Other witnesses described the 'bombs' as hand grenades.
Mohammed Sadiq, 35, another of the passengers, said one
of the hijackers made an explicit

political asylum even more acute. Home Office sources, however, emphasised that the kidnappers would face criminal "The hijackers were shonting and one of the passengers succeeded in capturing one of them, but another came from charges before any question of asylum was considered. The seven hijackers were

the back of the plane and said questioned by detectives at Harlow police station in Essex. that he was carrying a bomb. "He said: "I am going to ex-But police still refused to name them or the six women plode it, so release my friend'." An Arab journalist, Ahmed Gurashi, said some passengers told him that the hijackers' and two children held under the Immigration Act.

The news hlackout suggests that MI5 and MI6 have advised wives had knives hidden the backs of their dresses. ministers that it is in the The hostages' comments, ex-tracted despite heavy police national interest to keep Sadpressure for them not to speak

dam Hussein guessing.

And leave the public with a to the media, are likely to make the Government's dilemma, mystery that could take some time to untangle. over whether to grant them

### SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Seventeen campaigners against open-cast mining in Wales were bound over to keep the peace by magistrates, following a demonstration at the headquarters of Celtic Energy at Aberman in the Cynon Valley. Four youth and an adult, who all denied breaching the peace,

will be dealt with later. The protesters, described in court as "eco-warriors" scaled the perimeter fence shortly after fam yesterday. Super-give was poured into locks and saplings taken from sites around the valley were planted outside the offices.
Police made 22 arrests. The group, calling itself Reclaim
The Valleys, is demanding a referendum across South Wales
before further open-cast mining is allowed. Tony Heath

Phys Callaghan, 16, died from meningitis after Clearning he had achieved outstanding GCSE results. He complained of flu-like systems the day after he was told he had achieved 10 A-grades. He was admitted to Newcastle upon Tyne General Hospital, where he later died.

His family, who live in Newcastle, have since received precautionary treatment to help protect them from the Group C strain of meningococcal meningitis.

Anature programme showing a mother and baby baboon being torn apart by a crocodile has been censured by the Broadcasting Standards Council. It said the "graphic scenes of suffering" shown by The Natural World – Last Feast of the Crocodiles should have been shown later at night. BBC2 broadcast the documentary at 6pm, when young children

But the BBC claimed the predatory habits of animals featured in many programmes shown before the watershed, adding that the programme was "a record of events on a river in Southern Africa during a severe drought" which contained moments of sadness as well as more hopeful and surprising incidents".

The controversial video showing graphic footage of NHS operations will remain banned from sale after High Court action by the Department of Health was adjourned yesterday. Lawyers acting for the film's makers said after the private hearing that they needed time to prepare their defence – that the footage of the video, Everyday Operations, was in the public interest. Mr Justice Maurice Kay adjourned the hearing until 16 September and extended the temporary injunction, issued last Sunday, banning sale of the film. Clare Garner

Acompany faces prosecution in the wake of a toddler's death, after a garden slide accident. Newcastle upon Tyne City Council confirmed it plans to prosecute John Menzies UK Ltd, parent company of the Early Learning Centre (ELC), which sold the slide.

A spokeswoman said the prosecution was being brought under toy safety regulations and if convicted, the company could be fined up to £5,000. Earlier this year Amy Grieveson, three, died in Newcastle's Royal Victoria Infirmary after the accident. She was found hanging and unconscious after her head became trapped between the actual slide and a support strut.

An inquest on five Japanese fishermen who died on board their ship last week found that their deaths were caused by gas poisoning. Cork coroner Cornelius Riordan said the captain of the *Taisei Marul*, the bosun, chief other and cook all died in a vain attempt to save the chief engineer, who had been overcome by freon gas while trying to repair the ship's refrigeration system in the engine room.

The accident happened during a stand-off between a 30-strong Japanese tuna fishing fleet and the Irish navy, close to the edge of the Irish Republic's 200-mile fishing limit off the coast of Co Galway.

rian Wilson MP is publisher of the West Highland Free Press, not the 'West Island Free Press', as stated in yesterday's Independent.



All in the name: Princess Diana leaving the English Royal Ballet in London yesterday - her first engagement after losing her HRH title in the morning Photograph: Andrew Buurman

# At seventy one Honor Blackman is full of life. If only she could say the same about her

In this week's Radio Times read all about Honor Blackman. Her men. Her father. Her life since The Avengers. And her role today as Britain's sexiest grandma.

Radiolimes IT'S NOT WHAT YOU EXPECT.

# A rubber stamp in a pokey office ends royal fairytale

Wales being made absolute yes-terday, the Queen released new rules on changes to royal titles in the event of future divorces.

In letters patent to be published in tomorrow's London Gazette, the Queen made clear that in future divorced wives of male descendants of the sovereign will not be entitled to use the Royal Highness title.

Such provision has not been necessary until this year and al-though, like the Duchess of York before her, Princess Diana accepted the loss of the Her Royal Highness title, she only did so after often-public debate.

The statement, in what is in effect the official government newspaper of record, was deemed necessary because the issue had never been addressed n previous letters patent on the HRH status. It was intended that yesterday's changes would serve future generations. No one, however, was named in the declaration. It reads: "The Queen has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Scal of the Realm dated 21st August 1996 to declare that a

Within hours of the divorce of the Prince and Princess of The Queen takes action as Waleses get decree absolute. Clare Garner reports

> of a son of a Sovereign and of the eldest living son of the eldest son of The Prince of Wales shall not be entitled to hold and enjoy the style, title or attribute of Royal Highness".

Buckingham Palace was anxious to make clear that although the proclamation starts with the historic wording. "The Queen has been pleased ... to declare", it was not intended to snub to Princess Diana.

attended her first engagement

at the English National Ballet and still wearing her wedding
and engagement rings – as Diana, Princess of Wales, as opposed to Her Royal Highness, the Princess of Wales.

Five hundred miles away, the Prince was with their sons at Balmoral. He had already written to more than 40 of his ex-wife's favourite retailers informing them he would no longer be picking up her hills. Earlier, at precisely 10.27am.

ow until she shall remarry) of in a pokey office in Somerset

a son of a Sovereign ... of a son House in central London, the marriage ties between the Waleses were severed. Just one mile where the fairytale wedding of 15 years ago took place, the decree nisi was stamped and the marriage declared over.

Six weeks and two days after the decree aisi was lodged, the formal written application for the decree absolute was deliv-ered by Charles's solicitors. Farrer & Co. The whole process took approximately five minutes and cost £20 – paid in cash by Farrer & Co. Both parties will receive a photocopy of the document from the Principal Registry of the Family Division.

Robin West, the family proceedings department manager who oversaw the rubber stamping, took to his 15 minutes of fame without fuss. He said that tween 60 and 100 decree absolutes each day the memory of the Waleses will linger longer than most. "It's something that is certainly different and unusual to the normal course of

events." he said. But Mr West added that the divorce - the 5,029th this year - was really no different to any other. "I don't feel any more sadness in relation to this [di-

vorce] as to any other." He had no recollection of where he was at the time of the royal wedding and he refused to be drawn on whether he was monarchist or republican.

"Pass." he replied coolly, before turning his attention to the rest of the day's divorces.

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# Major throws down gauntlet to Brussels

ANTHONY BEVINS Political Editor

John Major yesterday issued n direct challenge to Brussels power, with a macho move that could leave him battling in splendid isolation for a return of British sovereignty in the runup to the next election.

A Foreign Office source said last night that the formal British proposal - to curb some of the "more intrusive aspects" of European legislation - was expected to get the backing of the But Brussels sources said

there was no chance of European leaders reopening the "hornets' nest" of the power of the European Commission, already defined in the Maastrichi treaty. The European Commissioner, Marcelino Oreja, told the Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee only Affairs Select Committee only then? Go into the election with lenges to be launched in the last month that "the large ma- a demand for renegotiation of the European Court of Justice.

jordy of members states" wanted matters to stay as they were.

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The treaties? I fear this is just a ploy to get us through to the election.

I'd bet a pound to a penny they fighting defiantly in defence of British interests in at least two

Dublia summits, in October and December, with more battles to be fought before an ex-pected general election in May. The immediate Westminster speculation was that Mr Major

was "taking on" Brussels in a calculated attempt to unite his own party, and outflank Tony Blair as the "puppet of Brussels". However, any hope of Tory unity was immediately dashed by

Richard Shepherd, one of the diehard Conservative Euro-sceptics, who told The Independent: "The Government is trimming at the edges. We are the supplicants in all this. We are trying to get back powers that we have already given to the Community ... If this is not just a sop, what will we do then? Go into the election with won't get anywhere."

Certainly, given its tough
tone, it would be remarkable if

the challenge was accepted. Delivered in a low-key Foreign Office statement on a new "Protocol on Subsidiarity", ministers want it discussed as part

of the inter-governmental talks

on the future of the European

Union - the next stage of the Maastricht process. The protocol - which would become legally binding, if accepted - will get its first airing at a meeting of ministers and officials in Brussels next week. However, London has already made its intentions clear. It wants the new protocol to be used as precision weapon against the European Commission - allowing detailed chal-

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# But who's left holding the baby?

Labour Editor

With only months to the general elecaccused of suddenly discovering

While pressure groups queued up to welcome a consultative paper on the special problems faced by working mothers, some of them were privately cynical about ministers'

Government's childcare initiative dismissed as too little, too late being rushed through in two months to give ministers time before the election to "do something" for

harrassed women who were trying to combine work and domestic responsibilities, it was said. Until now the Government has relied on one-off juitatives to make the fives of working mothers easier, coherent national strategy. Both the Equal Opportunities Commission and the organisation Employers for Childcare yesterday claimed responsibility for changing the Government's mind.

Cheryl Gillan, Education and Employment minister, conceded that more childcare provision was

for the provision of childcare and way of hard cash. Mrs Gillan, who ensure that all "barriers" to women enjoying the help already available should be removed. It needed to assess the availability and afford-ability of childcare and to ensure that both simpleyers and their workers were given access to information on what was available, she said.

There was no suggestion, how-ever, that there would be much in the

has special ministerial responsibilifor women's issues, said the overnment would not act alone in this area. "I certainly do not believe in a namey sate. It is the family's responsibility to look after their children," she said.

The Government only had a role here there was real need, where children were at serious risk, for

remove obstacles and to create the right conditions for supply

to grow to meet demand.

Most women's organisations agreed that present government measures had helped, but the lax rehef for employers to set up workplace nurseries had been a conspicuous failure. Officials at the Department

of Education and Employment admitted that there had been no "revolution" in provision since the incentive was introduced. No figures were available, but the

take-up by employers had been "very limited". Gill Haynes, chief executive of the National Childminding Association said the Government should

extend tax breaks to include the

provision of child minders, who pro-

vided 60 per cent of care for work-

Tide of change in typing pool

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

> Secretaries are now more likely to take charge of the accounts and organise conferences than sit around filing their nails and typing, as a workplace revolu-tion hands them ever-increas-

ing levels of responsibility.
In a survey of 468 organisa tions, secretaries were found to bave taken on an impressive range of duties, including accounting, budgetary control, arranging seminars and events, rewriting and presenting reports and statistics, booking travel and accommodation, and managing buildings.

In addition, many have responsibility for company car fleets, insurance, health and safety, payroll, purchasing, customer complaints, training, recruitment and administering cleaning and catering contracts.

The Reed employment agency, which conducted the research, comments that pay does not seem to have kept pace with the increased workload, salary increases having simply mirrored inflation. Indeed, some secretaries believe jobs are frequently advertised as secretarial because, if they were described as administrative or managerial, they would commmand higher salaries. Only 7 per promoted to non-secretarial iobs over the last four years.

Sixty-eight per cent of employers say managers are doing more of their own typing than four years ago. Others cite e-mail as a form of technology which has reduced the need for secretaries to type and circulate

internal messages.
In addition, 48 per cent of organisations feel that secretaries have become more of a "communications hub": co-ordinating managers who work outside the office. Fifty-six per cent feel secretaries are taking more de-

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## otives. but critics argue that it has been too The consultation process was little and that there has been no Working mothers at bottom of heap

REBECCA FOWLER

As women prepare to take over the British workforce and exceed the number of men in employment by the year 2006, the Government and Labour are determined to seize the opportunity to coax ione mothers off welfare and back into jobs to

meet the demand. But neither ministers nor Labour have solved the question of who will be mother while the nation's estimated 1.3 million single parents go to work. If they join the growing army of women workers, what will hap pen to their children?

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Although the Government pledged to bring down the barriers to childcare vesterday, Britain has one of the worst systems in Europe. For those women struggling to bring appendicted alone without back appendiction alone without back appendiction of their children without a partner their children without a partner. their children without a partner with a job that may include unsociable shifts is bewildering.

Contrary to the stereotypical image of the feckless lone mother, Kario Pappenhent, director of the Council for One Parent Pamilies, says recent surveys show most are eager to return to work. Buf they do not see how they can overcome the impossible juggling act of caring for their children and being

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markets and pubs when child care facilities are not available.

Kamlesh Bahl, charwoman of the Equal Opportunities.

Commission, said: Problems for kine parents are particularly, acute, because they have to meet the costs from out of one wage rather than out of two. This obviously puts them at a great disadvantage and a prop-er transework of affordable cores essential to take their four of the benefits trap." The most recent Depart-

ment of Social Security re-

search showed that only 11 per compared with half of these with teenage children. Three quarters of lone parents said reliable childcare was the itial" or "very important" helping their return to work.
While the Tories have failed uphold Baroness Thatcher's pledge of 25 years ago to probetter childcare, there are also no clear signs of what a Labour government would offer following a similar pledge by Mr Blair last year. He said: "When snigle mothers are

happed at home for lack of childcare we are poorer."



Playtime: Juley Felton, manager of the private Buffer Bear Nursery, in Watford, with two charges Photograph: Herbie Knott

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# 600 plant species, 1,500 insects, 20 mammals and 65 birds are looking for someone to save their home



### Conservationists hope ministers will protect dwindling hedgerows

NICHOLAS SCHOON Environment Correspondent

Ministers are expected to launch new protection measures for Britain's dwindling hedgerows next month.

They provide essential shelter and food for a rich variety of wildlife through the seasons and some are more than 1,000 vears old. Yet the latest Government estimate nn hedgerow loss, from the early 1990s, was that more than 10,000 miles a year were disappearing due to neglect and grubbing out.

Whitehall is about to start public consultation on draft regulations compelling all landowners to notify their local council before they strip out any hedge. The council will then have 28 days in which to decide whether to refuse permission, on the grounds that the hedge is "important" - particularly historic or rich in plants and animals

Such measures were first proposed in an environment White Paper six years ago. when Chris Patten was Secretary of State for the Environment. Three secretaries of state later, planning protection for hedgerows is finally coming close to a reality.

Little more than 10 years ago there were still government grants available for removing them in the interests of farm

Ancient and species-rich hedgerows are among 14 key wildlife hahitats found in Some were stripped out by

Britain on which the Government and leading wildlife char-ities have agreed rescue plans. The plans are a follow-up to the Rio Earth Summit in 1992.

"In Britain we've planted more than any other country over the centuries, and they're part of our culture and history, said Robert Wolton, hedgerow expert and enthusiast with English Nature, the Government's wildlife conservation arm. They're also critical natural capital. Over much of intensively farmed lowland England they form a last refuge for

Most go back at least 150 years, and a few are believed to be relict fragments of the vast forests which covered most of Britain until 3,000 years ago by which time human clearance was already well under way.

The older they are, the more varied are their shrubs and smaller plants, Some contain species which are associated with ancient woodland, such as the wild service tree and hluebells, and woodland animals such as the dormouse.

In all, more than 600 plant species, 1,500 insects, 65 hirds and 20 mammals have been found to use Britain's 280,000 miles of hedgerows. Among this diverse flora and fauna are 13 species which are either in very rapid decline or endangered globally

Between 1984 and 1990 there was a net loss of nearly onequarter of Britain's hedgerows.



Country heritage: Newly shorn sheep race by a hedgerow in Devon, where fields in Dartmoor are still bounded in traditional fashion (above, left)

making them more convenient for farm machinery and modern livestock methods.

But the majority were destroyed by neglect or mismanagement. The usual method of keeping them tidy is to use a flail cutter which lops Often it is done in the autumn,

farmers wanting to join fields, scattering and mincing the fruits and nuts which provide food to animals in winter.

The hedge grows back, but only at the top. Most bedge shrubs and trees do not put out fresh sprouts lower down, so the shaded hedge bottom grows into thick wood with large gaps off the top growth once a year. through which livestock can

looks like a hedge but a straging, intermittent line of stunted trees. It no longer works, and there is little reason for the

farmer to keep it any more.
Dr Wolton said: "The annual short back and sides has become the new tradition but It's quite unnecessary." He advocates a careful cutting every

After a few years it no longer three years, and a revival of the neglected art of laying hedges - partly cutting and bending down the living wood to keep the structure thick and sprout-

ing near its base. The hedges look less tidy, but they will be far more use to wildlife. However, the tradibeen abandoned.

There are limited government grants to pay for hedge planting and restoration, but these are powhere near enough to offset the loss due to deliberate destruction, poor management and neglect.

tional hedging methods are labour-intensive, which is the do not apply in Scotland, should

main reason why they have help. The criteria for what constitutes an "important" hedge will be laid down by government, and they are expected to give protection to roughly one in five hedges. But ultimately the survival of

Britain's hedgerows depends on how many farmers and landowners care about them. Leading article, page 13

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## Doomed: BSE will not die out before 2001, say scientists

DAILY POEM

My Father's Father's Father

By Moniza Alvi

In this city I have aged thousands of years. I am older than the oldest tree in the world.

There are homes here for ancient holy cows but none for old people, nowhere for me to go.

It is good that like the cows I am prepared to wander the lanes and alleyways.

I was here before my father's father's father -I think I can identify him, rising upwards

like K2 on an early relief map of India. He is so old his skin is flaking like leaves,

his hair is soft as dust. I take his arm, tell him who I am, then we are old together.

We now to bathe ourselves everyday although we are so old, because like the city

we are hanging by a tough thread and dead-looking trees

have brilliant purple flowers. Moniza Alvi was born in Lahore, Pakistan, but moved with her family to Britain at a young age. Her second collection, A Bowl of Warm.

Air, was published by OUP in May and, in a series that includes Kate Clanchy, Robin Robertson, Patience Aghabi and Neil Rollinson, she reads from it at the Poetry Society (22 Betterton Street, London WC2) on Monday 2 September at 6.30pm.

Science Editor

One in 50 cows used for

human food had BSE

One in every 50 cows used for human food in the past 10 years was incubating BSE, or mad cow disease, according to an anthoritative new study by

Although the research cannot show whether 12 recent cases of a new variant of the brain disorder, Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD), were caused by eating BSE-infected food, it offers the first detailed analysis of the number of infected cattle that were eaten.

Described as "valuable and helpful" by the Government yesterday, the study also shows that between 1985 and 1989 when the most infectious tissues such as the hrain and spinal cord, were still used in food -446.000 BSE-infected cows were eaten. That represents about 3 per cent of the total of roughly 3 million cows killed

every year.

In March, the Government said exposure to BSE-infected food could have been the cause of the new cases of CJD. The European Union subsequently banned British exports of beef

and its by-products.
The study, which was carried out by a team at the Universi-ty of Oxford, also shows that the Government's policy of culling all cattle aged over the age of 30 months will have little effect on the length of the BSE epiout until 2001, no matter what action is taken, the scientists say, because it is now sustained by "maternal transmission" from cow to calf. Previously, BSE-infected feed was the main route of transmission.

Jeffrey Almond of SEAC, the independent advisory commit-tee on BSE and CJD, said last night: "The big shock in this paper is the proportion of finfected] animals caten before the 1989 ban. "But the important and still unknown - figure is what proportion of those were in the late stages of BSE incu-

The analysis is published today in the science journal,

"We have been able to esti-

tential problem, but there's still the issue of whether infected animals are infectious to people," said Christi Donnelly, one of the report's authors, yester-

But with only 12 cases of the new CID, it's impossible to predict what might happen."
Professor Almond admitted: "There's not much that we

can do for any people who might be incubating CJD. We can't diagnose it, and we can't last night that the culling policy - which is now underway across the country - was a shotgun approach to a problem which needed more specific

targeting.
"We would have to cull more than a million animals to make much difference," said Dr Donnelly. "Any less than that and you are reducing less than half of the cases. For example, culling 150,000 cattle would reduce cases by 34 per cent."

A better method, argued the report's authors, would be to focus on cattle herds which had already experienced high inci-dences of BSE, as these would be more likely to include infected calves

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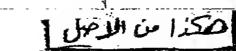
Professor Almond agreed: "Culling is an expensive way of

dealing with the problem and has little added impact on it." The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food said that the comparison of culling strategies offered in the analysis was "of ment on the public health implications of the consumption of

The Meat and Livestock Commission welcomed the analysis. "We will certainly look at this data, and if it looks like the cuil is not needed then that is great news for farmers," said Phil Saunders.

We have said all along that we expect BSE to fade out. by the end of the century. But at the end of the day, we have to look at consumer confi-

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TV controversy: Fears over ghettoised Friday night schedule as play highlights 'sleaze' in New Labour | Designer

# BBC bids to win black **1ewers**

Micbael Jackson, controller of BBC2, yesterday announced he would be devoting two-anda-half bours of television to hlack viewers on Friday nights to change the perception that they are "a series of problems". In a remark which may in-

flame the very people he is seek-ing to attract, he said: "There is a danger of this audience being thought of as a series of problems: the problem of poverty, the problem of discrimination.

"We don't want to hide the fact that there are problems that is why we have current affairs programmes, not that they always look at problems --- but this is a way of reflecting another reality."

The two-and-a-half-hour entertainment strand will offer tbe first black drama series on British television for two decades, together with a black dating show, a lifestyle pro-gramme, and a spoof game

It is the BBC's boldest bid yet to win alienated blackviewers. But it will raise questions over whether they will be ghettoised and served even less throughout the schedule as a result.

The £1.5m initiative forms part of Mr Jackson's final schedule before he takes on the job of BBC1 controller and director of television next month in the new BBC Broad-

Entitled The A-Force, it will run from 11.15pm to 1.45am. A key element will be a drama series, Brothers and Sisters, folof the congregation of a North-

era Pentecostal church. Another will be the first Hughes.

MARIANNE MACDONALD black dating show in which contestants — all black — pick their dream date from a virtu-

al reality computer hank. Hang Time will provide a Hel-lo!-style look at homes and life-styles of black celebrities, while round-ups of the latest black music and fashion trends and a look at black soap operas worldwide is also promised.

Mr Jackson said the strand was an attempt to build on the success of Black Britain, the weekly current affairs show. It was not an attempt to ghettoise its black audience, he said.

"I don't think it's ghettoising. These viewers are different and have a different history and we want to reflect that, not blandify, homogenise and integrate all

"All the research shows that that audience doesn't feel particularly comfortable with the BBC or served by it very well and it wants to know what the BBC is going to give it for its licence fee."

The controller, who has won acclaim for turning BBC2 around in his three years at the helm, added that a recent programme strategy review had highlighted the "huge gulf between the BBC and its Afro-Caribbean audience". The way to overcome it was to target a chunk of time rather than "slotting programmes into the middle of the schedule".

Other highlights of its autumn schedule include a new Performance season of awardwinning plays for Saturdays; a four-part drama serial based on Iam Banks' novel The Crow Road; a series exploring the human mind led by the neuexploration of US culture presented by the art critic Robert



Black faces from television, Including Lenny Henry Trevor McDonald, Norman Beaton and Cy Grant

# head denies dramas mask political smears

The BBC yesterday denied hav-ing a hidden political agenda after it announced two new dramas which seem to criticise

In Giving Tongue, to he screened on BBC2 this autumn, Labour has stormed to victory in the general election.

A New Labour MP, Jessie Fielding, (played by Clare Hol-man) launches a Private Mem-

and in so doing weakens the in-fluence of the Lords.

But Ms Fielding's murky past catches up with her. She had a teenage lesbian relationship with a huntswoman and an nuder-age affair with a Tory MP. And in Crossing the Floor, written by Drop The Dead Don-key creator Guy Jenkins, a

The Conservatives have a majority of just one and his reward for betraying them is an influential position in the Labour Party. Labour leader Tom Peel (Neil Pearson) agrees to the move and the machina-

Fielding, (played by Clare Holman) launches a Private Member's Bill to abolish blood sports beleaguered Tory Home Sectors a Secret pact with Labour. A Very Open Prison, is due for motivated by wanting to keep transmission the day after the forms a secret pact with Labour. Labour Party conference ends, an Mawhinney "happy".

on 5 October. It was allegedly inspired by the defection of the Tory MP Alan Howarth to

The Controller of BBC2, Michael Jackson, denied any inlention to "smear" New Labour tions of his party's "spin doc-tors" are exposed for all to see. Michael Dobhs's House of Crossing The Floor, sequel to Cards series. He said he was not

A senior BBC spokesman said: "The timing of this is coincidental. One is political satire written by someone who specialises in comedy. The idea that these dramas can be put out at a moment's notice is absurd."

Mr Jackson, who takes over as Controller of BBCI next launch of BBC2's £69m autumn season yesterday.

# guilty of false claim

A woman who won the architectural section of this year's BBC Design Awards was yesterday found guilty of falsely claiming to be a fully qualified member of the profession. Gabriele Bramante designed the Citizens' Advice Bureau in

Chessington, south-west London, which was featured on BBC Television. But although she de-scribed herself as an architect she was not registered with the Architects' Registration Council (ARC) and so was not entitled to do so. Richmond magistrates' court was told.

Ms Bramante, who runs Bramante Architects in Teddington, also in south-west London, was prosecuted under the 1938 Architects' Registration Act for sending out various letters to the CAB with "architect" after her name. She was fined £1,000 for two separate impersonations on 29 March and 17 May this year. The CAB huilding cost

£360,000 and was opened last March by the Princess Royal, It was featured on BBC2 on 12 June, when Janet Street-Porter conducted a tour.

Keith Barker, on behalf of the ARC, the profession's watchdog, told the court that there was no record uf Ms Bramante being a fully qualified architect.

George McLellan, assistant registrar at the ARC, said: "Our role is to prosecute people un-der the 1938 act who call themselves architects without having proper qualifications ... Anyone can carry out architectural work, but they are not allowed to call themselves architects."

Ms Bramante, who did nut attend the court hearing, said later yesterday that she had qualified in the United States but there had been a delay in Havard University forwarding ber academic record; "I asked Harvard to send my academic record to ARC (UK) about eight weeks ago. Everyone knows I qualified in America.

She said that in 1986 she went to Harvard on a scholarship and took a masters course, which she said was equivalent to a diploma. "I graduated from Harvard in 1987. I have certainly taken post-graduate studies and I think I am more qualified than Letters, page 13 | most architects in this country.



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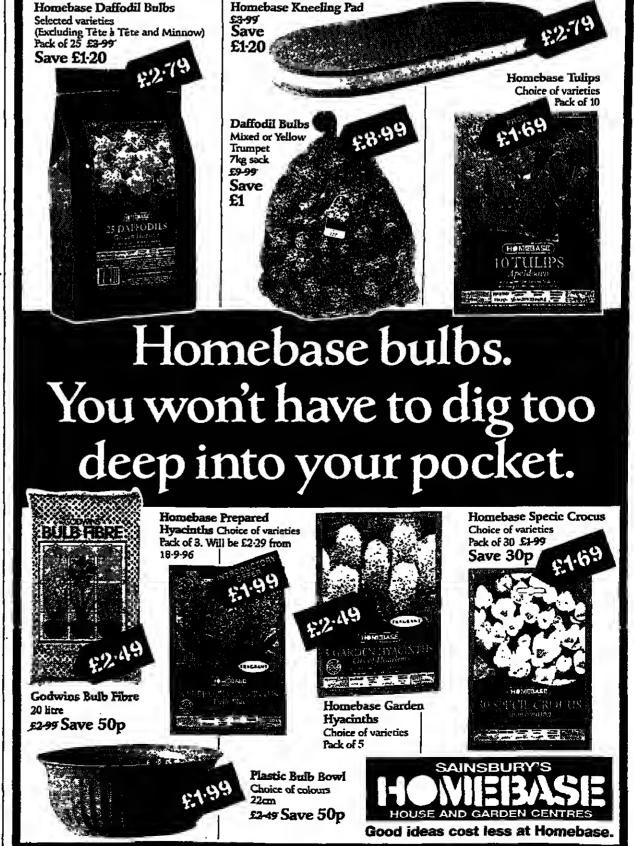
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# PR head suspended over tobacco report

NICHOLAS TIMMINS

The Medical Research Council has suspended its head of public communications after she revealed her opposition to the MRC taking tobacco cash to study the medical effects of

The decision by Britain's leading state funder of medical research to take funds from British American Tobacco has been strongly criticised by doc-

as the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Nick Winterton, the MRC's administrative secretary, bas admitted that the decision to take the money had been "a difficult one", with the antismoking campaign group Ac-tion on Smuking and Health (ASH) yesterday condemning the decision to suspend Mary Rice as "nutrageous' Ms Rice, 49, who has a lone

specialist and a parliamentary lobbyist, bas been with the research council for seven years and was credited by friends yesterday as doing "mure to bring the MRC's public relations into the Nineties than

anvone else". She was suspended after telling the Sunday Times newspaper last week that she had opposed the decision by the Neurochemical Pathology Unit in Newcastle to

from the tobacco giant.

She told the Sunday Times: "I thought it would be seriously damaging to the MRC's reputation as an impartial source of scientific knowledge. I put this in writing but was over-ruled." Yesterday Ms Rice was re-

been quoted correctly in the ASH protested that the

fusing to return calls from the

media, but sources at the MRC

She [Ms Rice] clearly warued the MRC that taking tobacco money would damage its reputation and that is exactly what has happened. She was simply doing her job. To suspend her

The acceptance of the cash contribution towards a threevear research project studying the beneficial or harmful effects of nicotine in age-related dis-orders such as Alzheimer's disease is already forcing a rethink

said it was clear that she had

units of the Medical Research Conneil are encouraged to seek outside finance. Nick Winterton, the MRC's

was on holiday yesterday, told The Independent at the weekend now is outrageous."

that the guidelines would have to be reviewed following the controversy. have still not formally been

The council - whose members told about the BAT donation was "anxious to avoid any sug-

administrative secretary, who

gestion" that the MRC's scien-tific work was being influenced by funding sources, he said.

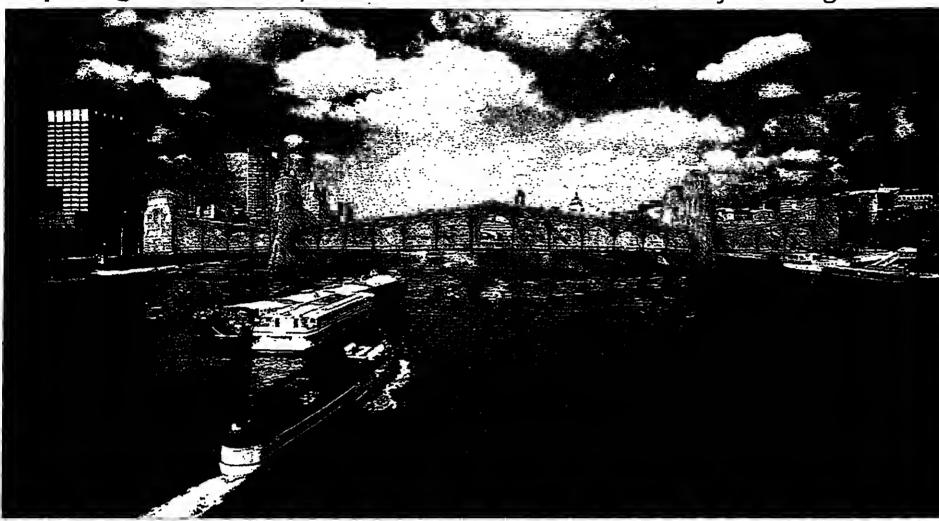
"If people perceive that to be happening, even if it is not the case and we do not believe it to be the case here, then we would have to rethink. The perception is itself a serious cause for concern.

Jane Lee, the MRC's Director of Corporate Affairs, said that the decision to suspend Ms Rice - taken by herself as Mary Rice's line manager and Mr

holiday - followed "some difference of views between management here and Mary about the ramifications of the quote

Clarification was needed on whether she was speaking personally or as a corporate spokesman, Ms Lee said. A period of paid absence seemed sensible "while we reflect and decide what if anything needs to follow in her best interests

## Spanning the Thames: Top international architects invite controversy with designs for a new inhabited bridge across river



21st-century living: The Royal Academy's competition to design an inhabited bridge across the Thames has spawned some revolutionary submissions, including Krier Kohl's Gothic-style façade spanning two towers (above); Branson Coates' 24-hour entertainment centre (below, left); and Antoine Grumbach's 'Green Bridge' (below, right)





# Jewels in our heritage or a bridge too far?

MARIANNE MACDONALD

A revolutionary design for an in-habited bridge across the River Thames could soon become a reality. Plans bave have been submitted by world-famous architects, including Daniel Libes-kind - creator of the V&A's infamous extension - and Zaha Hadid, whose design for the Cardiff Opera House was con-

troversially rejected.
Seven architectural practices were invited to enter the Royal Academy's competition to design a new inhabited bridge across the Thames, and the resulting proposals have astonished assessors.

The brief was to ensure that the structure was commercially viable, following a feasibility study by KPMG which suggested ways in which income could be raised from shops, restaurants, hotels and public viewing platforms.

But few were prepared for postmodern architectural notions of how a 21st-century bridge in the heart of a capital would look. "They shatter traditional concepts of bridge design and are sure to generate a heated debate," said exhibition curator, Peter Murray.

Submissions included the 'Green Bridge" from Antoine Grumbach of France, incorpocafés between a grand tower on the north bank and an all-glass Culture Palace" on the south.

Typically, Libeskind's design deconstructed the concept aitogether to create a network of paths across the river. The designs by the four UK practices are also revolutionary.

cantilevers accommodation from the banks, allowing views through the central section. Branson Coates offers an anthropomorphic design hous-ing a 24-hour leisure and enter-

Ms Hadid offers a bridge which

tainment centre, with two hotel towers close to the south bank. Future Systems solves the problem with its "People's Bridge" - a pedestrian bridge using boat technology to create a skeletal-looking form. Ian Ritchie's design incor-

porates a park set above howiing alleys and cinemas, while Krier Kohl of Germany offers a Gothic-style façade spanning two towers incorporating flats.

The proposed site runs from Temple Gardens on the north bank to the area in front of the London Weekend Television building on the south bank. The winner will be announced on 24 September, after which it is boped that private developers will make offers to fund the con-struction of a bridge.

Models and drawings of the submissions form the centrepiece of an RA exhibition, Living Bridges, which illustrates the history of the inhabited bridge. It will run from 26 September to 18 December and visitors will be invited to vote for their favourite design.

The official judging will be carried out by Mr Murray and Mr Gummer, together with Sir Philip Dowson, president of the RA, Michael Cassidy, chairman of the policy and resources committee of the Corporation of London, Sir Robert Clarke, man of Jean Dethier, a curator of the Centre Georges Pompidou, Gordon Graham, past president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and the broadcaster, Janet Street-Porter.

The last inhabited bridge over the Thames was destroyed in the mid-18th century. Originally a Roman pontoon bridge, it spanned Southwark and the City and held houses, shops, corn mills and waterworks. The only remaining inhabited English bridge is Pulteney Bridge, in Bath, built by Robert Adam.



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# Eleven days on, hundreds of leads later, police have no answer for the loneliest parents in Britain

The search for missing children Tom and Jodi Loughlin took a significant turn yesterday when police confirmed that a witness had come forward who spotted the family together on the beach minutes before the two

children disappeared. The description is the first confirmed sighting of the children anywhere near the beach at Holme, near Hunstanton since the search began 11 days

ago.
Police said that a middle-aged woman had come forward say-ing she had heard the children's mother Lynette Thornton, 37, call out to fouryear-old Tom, who was lagging behind as the family walked across the beach.

Police Sergeant Peter Thompson said that the witness's description was a "very healthy development with very little discrepancy from a perfect match"

He added: "This was as near to 100 per cent a description as one could get, with so many detailed points. Yet despite the woman's report, police say they are

nowhere nearer to tracing the

movements of the two children

after they left their parents and ran towards the sea. Yesterday the police renewed their appeal for two women to come forward. They were walking across a golf course near the beach and had remarked on two shrimp nets that Jodi, six, was



kicked a black and white beachball to the family, and a middle aged couple who were seen lking to two children in a boat. The search has been com-

plicated over the past 11 days as Kevin Loughlin, 37, and his wife Lynette Thornton, from Norwood, south London, became increasingly confused The police also said they rounding the case. For six days wanted to speak to a man who police understood that the fam-

the village of Holme next the Sea when the children ran off. It was not until Friday of last week that Mr Loughlin was calm enough to pimpoint that they had been at Gore Point, a narrow split a mile nearer The Wash. However on Tuesday of this week, a third location between the golf links and Gore Point was given as the spot.

Yesterday, police were grant-

ily had been near golf links at ed use of a large computer system, the Home Office Large Major Inquiry System (Holmes), to deal with more than 700 calls which had been logged since the beginning of Holmes allows detectives to

sift swiftly through large amounts of information gathered on a major inquiry, and

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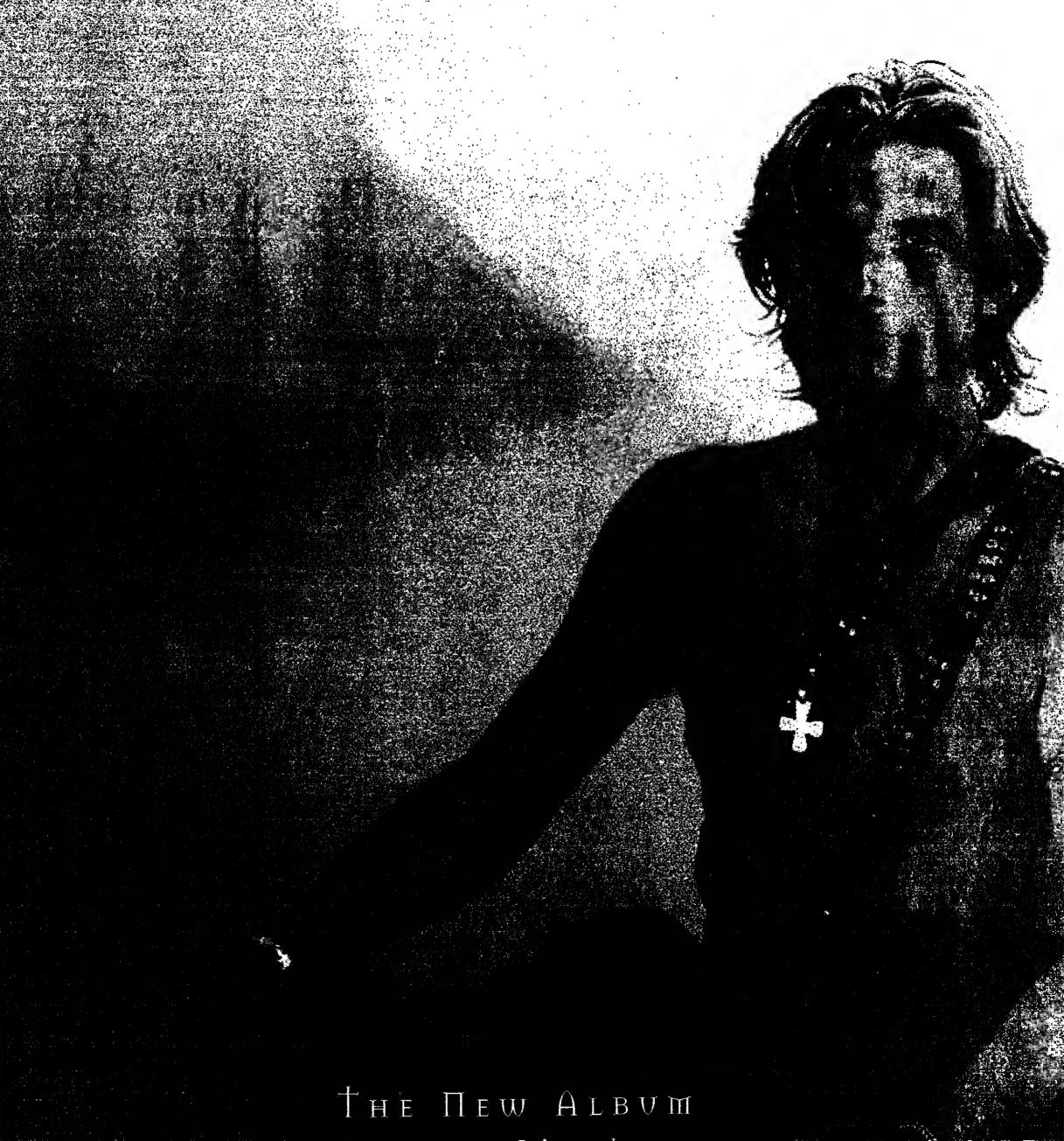
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# Arafat strikes back at Israeli bulldozing

In his most vituperative attack since he returned from exile two vears ago. Yasser Arafat yesterday accused Israel's rightwar on the Palestinians by expanding Jewish settlements

and stalling the peace process.

The Palestinian leader called a four-hour protest strike this morning in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem. "Strike, strike everywhere," he ordered the Palestinian leg-islative council, meeting in the West Bank town of Ramalian. We cannot keep silent. We cannot tolerate this hellish plan that they are carrying out with toughness and stubbornness."

A furious Mr Arafat said the Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, wanted to humiliate the Palestinians, "We will not let anyone humiliate

spokesman reacted by warning Mr Arafat that Israel "will respond sharply to any attempt to worsen the situation, or to any violence which could endanger the peace process". It urged him to refrain from "declarations and extreme actions, which do not contribute to ad-

vancing the peace process". Mr Arafat was speaking a day after the government authorised 900 extra homes in Kiryat Sefer, a new town for ultra-Orthodox Jews being developed across the old "green line" border.

ers demolished a Palestinian community centre in the Old City of Jerusalem, which spokesmen claimed had been huilt without a licence. The from the Palestinian Authority. which Israel is determined to keep out of the disputed city.

since Mr Netanyahu rescinded the settlement freeze imposed by the previous Labour Gov-ernment. The land had already been acquired for the town. which is remote from Arab population centres, but Palestinians fear it will begin another

Mr Arafat was taking an aggressive stance in advance of meeting he was expected to hold soon with Mr Netanyahu. The prime minister, who has refused to embrace the man he considers an unrepentant terwhen President Ezer Weizman invited Mr Arafat to meet him.

Mr Arafat was also seeking to show his people, dispirited by the diplomatic stalemate and their consequential economic if he has to. But it is the Palestinians, more than the Israelis,

knowledge that a revival of the intifada uprising is not a credible option. Israeli troops are no longer ready targets for stones and petrol bombs in most West Bank and Gaza towns.

that Mr Arafat might look the other way if Palestinian have co-operated with their Israeli counterparts to curb the bombers. They need something

yesterday that the Israeli army and police were on heightened There was speculation that it might be timed for the begin-



# AN OPEN INVITATION TO MICHAEL MEACHER MP AND THE LABOUR PARTY FROM NORTH WEST WATER.

In a recent report to the media, Mr Michael Meacher MP pours more than scorn over the water industry.

He claims that bathing off certain popular beaches is equivalent to "swimming in raw sewage", thanks to the water companies dumping it straight into the sea.

North West Water, according to his report, are the worst offenders.

However, he neglects to point out that his report is based largely on some very old facts and figures.

The effect of this inaccurate report is to damage the development of tourism - a vital part of the North West economy - and with it the creation of new jobs.

To bring the Shadow Environmental Protection Secretary up to date, and avert any further damage to North West tourism, here are some 1996 facts and figures for him to digest before his next public outpouring.

FACT: Launched in 1994, North West Water's £500 million Sea Change initiative is not only a major feat of British engineering, it's also one of Europe's largest ever environmental clean up operations.

FACT: Sea Change brings to an end the centuries old daily practice of dumping raw sewage directly into the sea.

FACT: 30 major projects have been undertaken along the North West coastline (from the Scottish border down to Merseyside), and this massive investment programme is now virtually complete.

FACT: The work has included 12 new or upgraded wastewater treatment plants, over 20 kilometres of new wastewater super-tunnels, 35 new pumping stations, and 9 new long sea outfalls.

FACT: Wastewater is now being treated using the latest biological methods to meet stringent legal and regulatory standards before it is safely released into deep water as far as three miles out to sea.

FACT: Sea Change is just part of a £2 billion environmental programme North West Water is carrying out to improve the quality of the region's rivers and bathing waters.

If misinformation is to be the basis of Mr Meacher's future reports to voters there is little we, or anyone else, can do to stop him.

However, we believe the public deserve something better - the truth.

Truth based on today's facts, today's figures, and what the heck, actual first-hand knowledge.

That's why we're extending an invitation to you, Mr Meacher and your colleagues.

Please, come and see what has been achieved. Visit our treatment plants. Talk to local communities. Talk to our people. See for yourself how we're helping to clean up the environment and aid the economic revival of this region.

We have nothing to hide from anybody.



# Military deal softens Turks' shift to Islam

TONY BARBER

Turkey signed a military co-operation agreement with Israel yesterday in a move that balanced recent diplomatic and trade initiatives towards the Islamic world by the Prime Minister, Necmettin Erbakan, and his new Islamist-led government. Turkish officials said the deal with Israel covered ndustry and was similar to agreements that Turkey has ith about 20 other countries.

unusual in that it was the second joint military accord between Turkey and Israel this year A previous agreement, which was signed before Mr Erbakan's Islamist Welfare Party came to power last June, allowed Israeli pilots to train in criticism from Iran and other

Islamic countries. Mr Erbakan, who is Turkey's first Islamist leader in more than 70 years, caused a stir in the United States this month when he chose Iran for his first foreign trip as prime minister. He signed a \$20bn (£12.9bn) deal to build a pipeline and import eas from Iran into Turkey, and followed it up with a range of important trade agreements signed during visits to Indone-sia, Malaysia, Pakistan and

These measures aroused susicions in Washington that Mr Erbakan might be hoping to reduce Turkey's emphasis on its ties with the West in favour of closer involvement with the Islamic world. After he returned from his eastern trip, however, Mr Erbakan said: We want to develop our rela-

same time we want to raise to the highest level our relations with brotherly Muslim coun-

When in opposition, Mr Erbakan spoke out against the military training accord with Israel, but quietly lifted his objections after coming to power. His decision to keep this arrangement in place and to sign a new defence co-operation



West with Muslim world

deal with Israel underlines there are limits to the pro-Islamist slant of his foreign policy. More evidence to this effect came when Mr Erbakan per-

mitted the renewal of Operation Provide Comfort, the US-led mission which uses a Turkish air base to protect Kurds in northern Iraq. The Welfare Party's deputy leader, Riza Ulucak, said. "Our stand is not one of abandoning one bloc and approaching another. We do not feel enmity towards anyone. However, we feel that it is our most natural right to give priority to our own interests

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# Jubilant Democrats do homage to Hillary

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Putting aside its public differences on welfare reform, a huoyant and harmonious Democratic party has reopened its love affair with Hillary Clin-ton and now awaits only her husband's final call to arms today, ahead of what it is increasingly sure will be victory over the Republicans in autumn.

The convention arena stood um to deliver one of the most

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career. And in her home town, Mrs Clinton did not disappoint. With dignity and conviction, the First Lady often portrayed as resident White House witch transformed herself into crusader for America's families and cheered her to the rafters on Tuesday as she took the podi-promoter of the President's bid for a second term. Not only did

After his three-day Midwestern rail trip, which ended in Indiana, Mr Clinton helicontered across Lake Michigan into the city last night, hrandishing new education and environmental-protection proposals - as well as a \$3.5bn (£2.3bn) plan to create jobs for people on welfare, aimed at deflecting criticism from within his party at the welfare-reform bill be signed last week. In fact, that dissent has already cooled to embers. In

dren, she insisted, referring to characteristically charged flights the title of her recent book, "It of oratory before Mrs Clinton worth, the Democrats this with Mr Jackson hailing him as spoke, both Jesse Jackson and Mario Cuomo, liberal lions of autumn can do half that job, by recapturing if not the Senate, at conventions past, took strong issue with the President over least the House. Even before his appearance welfare, with the former New York governor declaring that

> from the measure. But on this glitzy stage, and with the party scenting victory in November, no one was going to rock the boat for long.

"harm to children outweighs the

political advantage" deriving

Hopes here are growing that by demonizing Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Rep-

in Chicago, Mr Clinton has been re-extending his lead over his Republican challenger, Bob Dole - to 15 per cent according to an ABC-TV poll.

Compassion, family and above all unity have been the Democrats' watchwords this week. Messrs Cuomo and Jackson bave had differences with

with Mr Jackson hailing him as a bulwark against a "right-wing assault on the elderly, our students and civil rights".

The civil-rights leader and comrade-in-arms of Martin Luther King even took an unscripted jab at his fellow black. Colin Powell, the great American hero displayed so prominently at the Republican convention earlier this month. His reassuring moderation was no more than a front for Mr Gingrich and Pat Buchanan: Mr Clinton that long predate "All the rights that made Gen-welfare reform, but here both eral Powell possible are under

assault for the next generation," Mr Jackson warned, to a thunderous standing ovation.
Ultimately though, it was
Mrs Clinton's evening, a piece of image remaking that she carried off to perfection. No matter that in Washington, new

Whitewater documents were released just before she spoke here, casting fresh doubt on ber conduct in the aftermath of the 1993 suicide of Vince Foster.

Americans have rarely been accused of having a sense of

diana Governor, Evan Bayh, It's

like going to a music festival and

help for families and children. Introduced by Tipper Gore. the Vice-President's wife, as a woman "subjected to the most unimaginable incivility", she did not once refer to the ceaseless Republican allegations over her role in Whitewater and her at the White House

For an instant, the clock went back to the start of her hushand's administration, as she As a sea of "Welcome Home Hillary" banners waved, the First Lady spoke of the joys of ure in Congress two years ago bringing up her own daughter, of the unwieldy reform plan

# Studs Terkel chews up the 'vulgar' left

John Carlin lunches with Chicago's Pulitzer champion at his biting best

differences between Bill Clin-ton and Bob Dole can be poured into Tom Thumb's thimble - and you'll still have space left over for a small Martini."

Studs Terkel, musing over lunch on the state of the nation, remains at 84 the acerbic, wisecracking voice of blue-collar Chicago, the impish conscience of the otherwise moribund American left. The Pulitzer prizewinning author, radio host and celebrated establishment scourge has not allowed a quintuple heart by-pass operation two months ago, followed by a four-hour op-eration to remove parts of his intestines, to restrain his rage in the face of what he perceives to

be humbug and injustice.

Many of the delegates at the Democratic National Convention this week in Chicago are biting their tongues, refraining from voicing their true feelings about Mr Clinton in the interests of party unity and the imperative to defeat Mr Dole in November's

presidential election. But it is no secret that the ranks of the party faithful are filled with people seething at the President's hiatantly electoral decision to sign a Republican welfare reform bill last week ending 60 years of guaranteed.

cash benefits to poor families.
"You know, there's one true thing Dole said in his address at the Republican convention in San Diego," said Mr Terkel, tucking with gusto into a Chinese meal. "These were Dole's words: 'My opponent's trying to be a Republican - I'm sur-prised he's not here tonight.' I liked that. Dole was right, for once. Clinton's the most rightwing Democrat Ive seen this century. I bope be beats Dole.

Chicago — "The fundamental of course. But, boy, it's a hell of a way to enter the millennium!"

The Democrats' election cam-paign war-cry, "Four more years!", is one that Mr Terkel acknowledges to be rather more. pertinent to himself than to Mr Clinton. "The doctor says I'll live 10 years more. But I don't think so. When I say four more years', I mean it. I'll take it. So bere comes the big question: I want my last vote to count. I'd rather vote for something I want and don't get, than for something I don't want but get.
"So I'm thinking of writing

down the name of Ralph Nader. He's a good guy. He's always challenged the corporate big boys. People say it's a wasted vote but it's not. I want to vote this time for me, for my own, personal self-respect. Though I may, with great reluctance, vote for Clinton if it's very close - like all those decent Democrats who are in despair but who Clin-

In Chicago they regard Mr Terkel's take-no-prisoners eloquence with affection and pride. Two years ago the city authorities named a bridge after him. Walk with him down the streets and you'll see that at everystep he takes strangers assail him, shake him by the hand: "How ya doin' Studs?"; "You look after yourself, Studs, you hear?"

The truth is, he does not hear very well. And he has lost weight though this is the least of his concerns. What is a source of regret is that, on doctor's orders, he has been obliged to cut out cigars and reduce his once-celebrated dry Martini intake to one glass a day.

So at lunch be asked for red wine instead, which the head waiter at Chicago's Szechuan



Talking Terkel: 'Everywhere you go in the world you see the left moving to the right'

restaurant provided on the house. The one-sided hour-government while they - and house. The one-sided hourand-a-half conversation - or here's the exquisite irony - they rather, effervescent one-man are the very ones whose daddies' drama - ranged from jazz and asses were saved by big governblues to Frank Capra to Olaf ment after the Depression." Palme to South Africa to Tony

Then he told a story, by way
Blair. "Blair's just like John of contemporary parable." Diego convention. The vulgarivulnerable than yourself. Major, isn't he? Everywhere you go in the world you see the get on a bus to go to my cardiac rehab the other day and I sud-

left moving to the right." But he reserved most of what cane behind at the bus stop. So remains of his bile for America's politicians. "I try to shame them, but they are shameless. They are vulgar people wbo don't understand the meaning of civil behaviour. With this welfare deform bill - that's what I call it, welfare DE-form - the President and Congress have committed a vulgar act. They hate to be called vulgar, these people. That's why I call them that. with me, so I apologise to them, explaining what's going on. They're very nice about it and

when the driver steps back onto the bus with the cane, you know what they do? They give her a warm round of applause.

"Now, you see? That's what I call civil behaviour. The vulgardenly realise that I've left my

ans are your Clintons signing that bill. We're a society of snorty kids. The battle is between civil behaviour and vulgarity. Vulgar doesn't mean belching at the dinner table. Vulgar means how you behave towards someone more

### Chicago Diary

proportion but even by their named Vicki Radd desperately standards the Democratic convention has seen an extraordiapplies the final polish to the nary juxtaposition of highs and lows, of the sublime and the em-barrassingly, cringingly inept. We're talking about the speechspeeches in the dressing room of the Luv-a-Bulls, the dancers who entertain basketball crowds during the television commeres here, which ranged on Tuescial hreaks. Room 56, the ushday from the magnificent ers' changing room, has been oratory of Jesse Jackson to the equipped with a mock podium syrupy gusb of the debutantisb and teleprompter so that Tipper Gore; from the hard in-Hillary, Jesse et al can rehearse telligence of Mario Cuomo to their speeches under the watchthe banalities ("My parents didn't start with much but they ful eye of a Washington Svengali who specialises in dramatic believed in the promise of pauses and "applause lines". America"/"I miss my mom") of the "Keynote Speaker", the In-

seeing Placido Domingo, the Bay City Rollers and Eric Clapton all on the same stage. The hobest shrine in the build-ing, the Bulls' locker room, has been converted into a reception room for party grandees to wine and feed friends and benefactors. A photographer is on hand to take souvenir shots of the guests posing next to a jersey worn by Michael Jordan, a superstar whose poll ratings leave Bill Clinton and Bob Dole in the dust.

Intelligent people are orches-trating all this, supposedly to maximum manipulative effect. behind the scenes, deep in the bowels of the Chicago Bulls baskethall stadium, the United Centre. According to the National Journal, a Harvard lawyer

nterest Free Winner

the Democrats may be America's version of the people's party. But at this particular party there are two classes of people. The United Center is a sports arena, and ordinary delgates chow down like regular Bulls fans. True, beer has been banished, but the refreshment stands offer all the kosher dogs, nachos and french fries you can handle, washed down with Coke. Delegates stagger into the arena, balancing bucket-sized containers of popcorn. How different upstairs in the corporate boxes where the fat cats play. Someone has to pay for Bill Clinton's \$70m (£46m) campaign, and on the second level you can glimpse those who do. No popcom here, just deep armchairs and whiteclothed lables groaning with beer and Martinis. In politics as in life, you get what you pay for.

### California opts for 'chemical' castration

I go up to the driver, who's a

large, handsome black lady. I

tell ber what I've done and I ask

ber if I can get off the bus. She says, 'you just sit where you are' And she stops the bus and walks off down the road to fetch

the cane. Now there are six

white ladies riding in the bus

TIM CORNWELL Los Angeles

California is set to approve path-breaking legislation this week requiring the "chemical castration" of repeat sex offenders. A new law would force them

to undergo periodic injections of drugs to reduce their testosterone levels - or to choose surgical castration.

The legislation, backed by Republican Governor Pete Wilson, is described as the toughest treatment the United States bas seen for sex crimes. The danger from known sex criminals has been brought home here, as in Europe, by high-profile cases involving the abduction and murder of children by ex-convicts who bave a history of sexual

The new law faces challenges from civil rights groups and criticism from psychiatrists who regard it as too simplistic an nswer to compulsive sexual crimes. But supporters claim the use of drugs like Depo-Provera, which is typically injected once a week and the effects of which are not permanent, can lower the repeat rate to as little as two

Dr Fred Berlin, founder of the Sexual Disorders Clinic at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, says success with the drug has come where patients are fully informed and want treatment. He adds: "There may be a

role for the medicine to play, but the idea of mandating it on a large number of people is going to the other extreme. Bryan Appleyard, page 15



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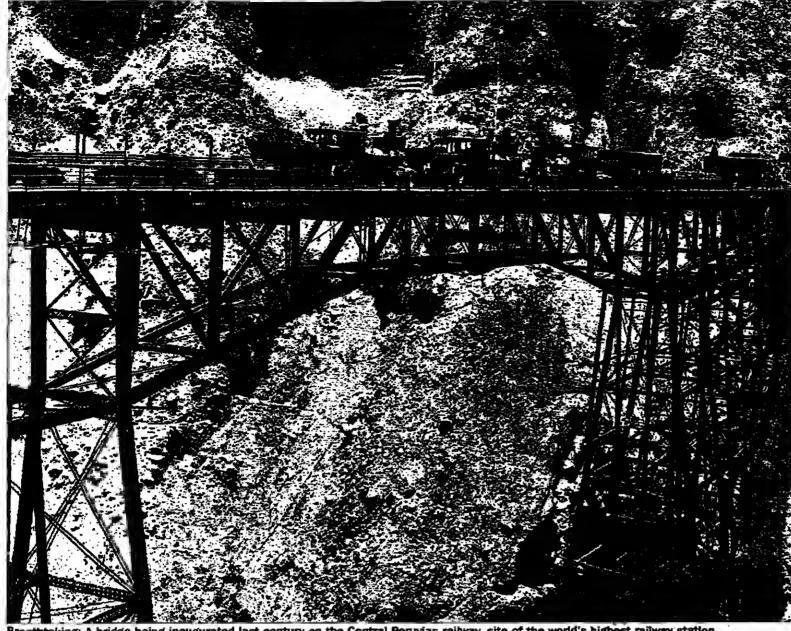
I'L DAVISON ∂olera, Peru

bin Admiral Evans of the US ever rade the American-engi-erred Central Peruvian railway the Andes at the eod of the century, he dismounted at highest point - 15,694ft - in A Calera tunnel – and uri-ited. "That's daody! I've al-ity wanted to pump ship into the Atlantic and the Pacific at

or same time, he said. Outside the nearby Galera inhest. I tried to emulate the limital but my water flowed lither east nor west and sim-leached into the heige soil. itiding a train up the Aodes on height equivalent to the menthtaking, literally. Try it in e driver's cab of a goods nin, complete with diesel omes, on a line that used to be attacked by Sendero Luminoso Phoing Path) guerrillas, and on feel giddy. Getting off at Galera, I was

to reasonable shape, thanks to ing recommended glucose milets that ease the effects of werehe (altitude sickness). Short of breath, it was difficult ... converse with the crew of Engine No 604 on the Central Pemian Railway, the world's righest, steepest and most twisted standard-gauge line, running from Callao on the Pacific to the indean town of Huancayo. but worse was to come.

! had to see the highest stretch of track in the world, on a loop above Galera, but it was closed. "We'll have to hike it," wid Gonzalo Santibanez, an inspecior with Enafer, the state adway. "Following the track ades too long. We'll take the di-rect route." Scrambling up the weeks slope, soroche hit me. It as like being drunk: I lost halnee and fell several times. Alhough half a mile, it took us half an hour to reach the stretch irack marked by a sign saythe world, 4,818 metres, 15,806 Bolivia, Peru was nearly bank-..... That's 34ft higher than



Breathtaking: A bridge being inaugurated last century on the Central Peruvian railway, site of the world's highest railway station

a goods train serving the Andes' gold, silver, copper and lead mines. Peru's President, Al-berto Fujimori, closed the line, to passenger traffic in 1991. partly because of competition from a new road, but mainly because the line was attacked by Shining Path guerrillas. About 20 crewmeo were killed in attacksbetween 1980 and 1992.

The passenger service may resume next year, now that the guerrillas have largely been crushed. If it does, the train will carry a nurse, as it used to, with oxygen for passengers.

by American contractors in the 1870s, Peru's railways have a strong British connection. After construction was halted by the 1879-83 War of the Pacific. when Chile defeated Peru and deal, British holders of Peruvian

pledge to continue construction. This corporation ran the system until 1972, when Peru na-tionalised its railways and set up

But the British legacy re-mains: Enafer executives trained in Crewe and Derby and older drivers recall working with visiting British mechanics and sound uncannily like their British Rail counterparts when they discuss working conditions, "Bring back the British, that's what I say," said driver Pe-dro Vargas, who hauled me and wagons of fuel and scrap Although they were started metal up the Andes before returning with copper ingots and lead. "Things have gone down the drain since they left."

Robert Stephenson, who helped his father George build the Rocket, with the idea of conrupt. In a debt-for-investment structing a railway across the Andes.

The younger Stephenson, recollege. I had hitched a lift on Peruvian railways in return for calling his father's work oo

overcoming gradients, may have had the idea of linking the mines to the ocean when he was in the Andes in the early 19th

At its peak in the Seventies the passenger service used to run 214 miles from the Pacific port of Callao, through Lima, past Galera, past the foundries of Oroya and on to Huancayo. I boarded at Chosica, about 30 miles east of Lima, where the

goods trains assemble and leave in convoy at dawn. With a single track, there is no way to pass

Brazilian-made Villares, with driver Vargas, co-driver Lisandro Jimeno and Gonzalo the inspector. There were few people up as we chugged through vil-lages in what was at first a grad-

ual slope. But Lisandro's constant horn-honking, essential since the train endlessly crisscrosses a main road without level crossings or barricades, must have awakened a few. The train rarely gets above 15mph, but it still needs about 50 yards to stop and collisions are common.

Sitting 20ft up in the cab of Engine No 704 and trundling on to the steel Challape Bridge over an unfathomable ravine was unforgettable. All you see ahead are the rails and sleepers, like a piece of toy train track

on the line. Trains go up in consulting with copper ingots and round and come back at night.

At 3am, after sharing a stew with nothing on either side.

At 3am, after sharing a stew with nothing on either side.

Pedro belpfully pointed out that Shining Path had blown up several such bridges in the past fire by the tracks, I pulled out in the cab of Engine No 704, a is father George build the straight with resument around a campair in the cab of Engine No 704, a Brazilian-made Villages, with in 1988, killing the driver and an inspector. "They used to try to blow up a train almost every day," said Gonzalo. "They thought they were on the point of victory but El Chinito [the Little Chinaman, the nickname of President Fujimori because

of his Japanese origin] has brought back law and order." Looking down on villages we had passed, hundreds of feet down an often sheer mountainside from the single railway track, it seemed as if we had taken off on an aircraft. Every time we huffed and puffed to the top of what looked an unassailable summit, another, more imposing peak loomed.

So steep is the slope from Tamboraque to the summit at Galera, a 6,000ft climb over only 30 miles of track, that the line relies on a series of what the Peruvians call zigzags. When the slope is too steep for curves, the train goes as far as it can to a dead-end. Points are changed and it reverses on to a separate stretch, always going uphill.
Another points change and it's forward and upward again.
There are 22 zigzags on the

Huancayo route, some of them going through tunnels. There is something disconcerting about going through a tunnel uphill backwards on a narrow mountain ledge at 13,000ft. My two most overpowering impres-sions? First, that the Andes seem to stretch on for ever, higher and higher. Second, that man got up there, by foot and hy mule, to conquer them with two narrow strips of iron.

# to pull the plug on Berlusconi

ANDREW GUMBEL

Yesterday should have been the day the lights went out at one of Silvio Berlusconi's three private television stations.

That was the deadline set al-

most two years ago by Italy's Constitutional Court to try to limit his monopoly on the private broadcasting sector. That was also the promise made by the centre-left parties when they won last April's elections. So the fact that Mr Berlus-

coni's networks stay unchanged this morning is an embarrassment to the Government.

The fact that the Cabinet was forced to rush through a decree law, extending the Constitutional Court deadline, only underlines the difficulty Prime Minister Romano Prodi and his team bave had in coming to grips with the basic problems ig the country in their first 100 days in office.

Real change is proving bard to promote as the patchwork of parties supporting his Govern-ment have resorted to old-fashioned in-fighting and power play. The next few mooths will present Mr Prodi with a series of headaches that will make or break his Government.

through if Italy is to have a chance of meeting the Maastricht criteria oo European Monetary Union by the end of

the century.

Mr Prodi wants to slash
32 trillion lire from an and a half per cent of GDP not yet at the three per cent what promises to level required by Maastricht, but tested autumn.

getting there. The prospect of getting there. The prospect of such drastic surgery is already extracting winces of pain from industry, and protests from the hard-left Rifondazione Cumunista party, on which Mr Prodi depends for his majority.

The convincing the budget

To be convincing, the budget will have to entail swingeing cuts to health and pensions, where there is little fat left to cut. Even Mr Prodi's deputy, Wal-

ter Veltroni, has woodered aloud whether the sacrifices required for Maastricht are worth it and whether the goals and timetable for monetary union should not be revised.

about Italy's prospects in Europe is generating fears of social unrest and - more im-mediately - political upheaval. Already the separatist Northern League is putting flesh on the booes of its demands for secession by suggesting that the affluent northern third of Italy adopt the Euro while the rest pay the price for the counand stick with the lira.

Rifondazione Comunista, meanwhile, is playing an unnerving game of brinkmanship by threatening to withdraw support on a series of issues including the budget, while the centre's more restive elements Top of the agenda is a rigorous 1997 budget, which the Government must push away in search of new political partners on the centre-right.

The chances are that Mr Prodi's Government will survive, if only because the present Parliament offers no obvious alternative. But the television issue, oow hanging awkwardly already strapped hudget to over the Government as bring the deficit down to four deputies return from their holidays, does not bode well for what promises to be a hotly-con-

## France goes for EMU

commitment to the single France's ability to meet the European currency the thrust . Maastricht criteria on time. The

All French embassies have been instructed to spread the message - less than a mouth after the franc was unsettled by speculation about a rift between President Jacques Chirac and the Bank of France

over the level of French

It seems a move designed to

Paris - France is to make its calm fears in Germany about Charette, told senior French diplomats yesterday that the single currency was "Europe's true federal project". The timetable would be respected. But with unemployment remaining high, and economic growth projections being revised downwards, many doubt that France will qualify to join the single currency at the start.





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# Khmer Rouge chief sets up splinter group

One of the senior leaders of Cambodia's genocidal Khmer Rouge government has con-firmed he has established a movement to rival the Khmer Rouge guerrillas led by Pol Pot. A statement written by leng Sary also confirms he intends to seek recoociliation with the Cambodian government which is split over his attempts to re-

gain a legitimate political role. leog Sary says he has decided to break with "the dictatorial group" led by Pol Pot and claims that Cambodia "will be reduced to nothing if the Khmer [Cambodian] people continue to fight each other indefinitely". Most of the international

media insists on describing Ieng Sary as "Brother No 2", or sec-ond in command to Pol Pot, but as he pointed out in an interview with the Bangkok Post on Monday, this is "a gross mistake". He identified Brother No 2 as being Nuoo Chea, the deputy secretary of the Communist Party of Kampuchea, who he said was responsible for the rounding up and killing of intellectuals and diplomats lured back to Cambodia during Khmer Rouge rule from 1975-78. Authoritative independent

sources confirm leng Sary was not the second in command but, as deputy prime minister, for-eign minister and Pol Pot's brother-in-law, he was part of the inner circle which planned and executed the genocidal policies destroying around a fifth of Cambodia's population.

It is for this reason that he was sentenced to death for genocide and that his political rehabilitation is strongly opposed by King Norodom Silvanouk. However the king's son, the first Prime Minister Ranaridh Sihanouk, and the powerful sec-ond Prime Minister Hun Sen, seem determined to bring leng Sary back into the fold.

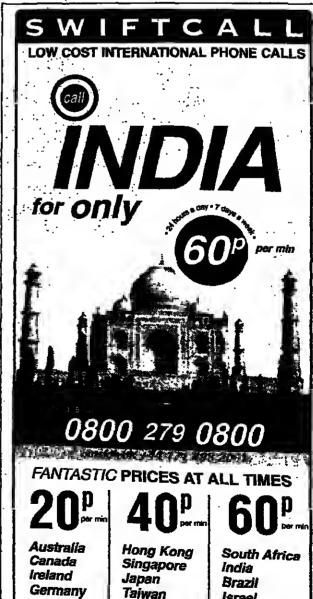
They see this as aiding the dis



leng Sary: A member of Pol Pot's inner circle

integration of the Khmer Rouge and hope that leng Sary and his followers will bring support and resources to the beleaguered regime and help defeat the democratic opposition forces.

In his Bangkok Post interview Ieng Sary spoke of a secret committee, of which he was not part, that was responsible for the arrest, torture and execution of so-called enemies of the regime. The Khmer Rouge says leng Sary is little more than a common criminal, having embezzled up to \$25m (£16.5m) from the party's coffers.



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### **SIGNIFICANT SHORTS**

Columns of Russian men and equipment trundled out of the shattered Chechen capital yesterday as Russ-

out of the shattered Chechen capital yesterday as Russian and Chechen commanders sat down for more talks on implementing the ceasefire deal.

With Grozny returning to a semblance of normality after some of the bloodiest lighting for more than a year, jnbilant Russian soldiers cheered as they drove out of the city. "We are going home, back to Russia," one said. The truce is the achievement of Russian security chief Alexander Lebed, whose efforts to find a political settlement anoear to have been frozen in Moscow. The pullout.

ment appear to have been frozen in Moscow. The pullout, a ceasefire and joint Russian-Chechen military patrols in Grozny are key elements of the agreement. Rebel fighters are clearly in control of the city. Kiosks have opened up again and the range of goods on offer is rising. In one street, a woman said she was going to visit friends. "It seems like we can smell peace. People are already starting to visit each other," she said. Reuter - Grozny

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Iran has asked Germany to arrest and extradite former President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, who testified at a Berlin trial that the Tehran regime organised the murders of opponeuts abroad, the federal justice ministry said. Mr Bani-Sadr, who lives outside Paris, is scheduled to give more testimony at the trial on 5 September. He testified last week that be was told by sources in Iran that Ayatollah Ali Khamenei signed an order to assassinate a Kurdish leader who was gunned down with three aides in a Berlin restaurant in 1992.

The extradition request cited charges of hijacking a plane, apparently a reference to Mr Bani-Sadr's 1981 flight to exile in France. German officials said there was little chance they would comply. In Tehran, however, foreign ministry officials denied that Iran had made an extradition request. Germany – AP

Two German men have been charged with child abuse in Thailand and distribution of child pornography, Berlin's justice department said. The two men, identified only as Thomas S, 33, and Dieter U, 43, were accused of forcing children aged between nine and 14 to have sex with each other and with adults, and of making videos and photographs. Mr S is accused of filming 12 children having sex while he visit-ed Pattaya as a tourist in 1993, and then setting up a mailorder husiness offering child pornography from Pattaya with the help of Mr U. A change in German law in 1993 made it possible to prosecute Germans for abuse of children under 14, even if the crimes were committed abroad. AP Berlin

Tive thousand Zimbabwean civil servants, sacked by the government for going on strike, marched in protest through the capital, Harare, yesterday to press their case for higher pay. The marchers - who included nurses, junior doctors, mortuary attendants and firefighters - were incensed that President Robert Mugabe had left the dispute unresolved for an official visit to Kenya. The Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions said it might call a general strike if the government failed to resolve the crisis by tomorrow. Reuter - Horare

A Florida man could face a mandatory 40-year jall term for stealing toilet paper, because of previous convictions. Henry Stepney, 32, who is homeless, was found guilty of stealing 22 rolls of toilet paper in May from a municipal lorry that serves portaloos in the Miami area. Because he had been arrested 50 times for crimes ranging from hundary and cocaine. rested 50 times for crimes ranging from burglary and cocaine possession to assault, prosecutors determined he should be sentenced under a tough new law against repeat offenders. Under the law, a 40-year term would be mandatory for his latest theft. At a pre-sentencing hearing next month, a judge will rule on whether it should apply. Phil Davison - Miani

against France's tough immigration policies flared again yesterday, spurred by rumours that the government was about to fly out two planeloads of Africans. Several thousand people marched through Paris to support African immigrants demanding residence permits and an Air France union said it would try to prevent them from being expelled. The demonstrators, who were led by the Communist Party leader, Robert Hue, a dissident former bishop, Jacques Gallot, and leading human rights activists, chanted: "We all are children of immigrants." Reuter - Paris

Six Catholic missionaries being held by rebels in south-ern Sudan on charges of spying and spreading Islam were freed last night, an aid agency reported. The six, including three Australian nuns, have been held for almost two weeks. Church officials warned that they had had no confirmation and would have to wait until today to be sure. Reuter - Nairobi

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Agnieszka Kotlarska, Miss Poland 1991 who was fatally stabbed in the chest in front of her Warsaw home on Tuesday. Miss Kotlarska narrowly escaped death on 17 July on TWA flight 800 which crashed off New York when she cancelled her booking at the last minute. Police arrested the attacker, who 'claimed he had known her'.

### Polish beauty queen murdered



MARY BRAID

The car-jacking epidemic af-flicting South Africa has claimed the life of a national hero. Eliakim "Professor" Khumalo, 56, one of the country's football greats, was shot dead outside his home in Soweto on Tuesday during the theft of his car by four men.

Yesterday his son, Doctor Khumalo, a South African international who plays in the United States for the Columbus

Crew, was flying home. In Johanneshurg there were 8,500 car hijacks in the past year. Drivers are usually forced from the road by attackers or ambushed in their driveways and outside their homes. Eliakim Khumalo was not the first to have been murdered in such an

Khumalo, whose skill and intelligence earned him the nickname "The Pro" in the Sixties and Seventies, is believed to have been shot in the back by the men who stole his Volkswagen Jetta.

The former Moroka Swallows and Kaizer Chiefs star died



Doctor Khumalo: Followed

soon afterwards in hospital. A woman caught driving the car in the city centre was being questioned by police last night.

Clarence Mlokoti, director of Kaizer Chiefs, for whom father and son both played, said yesterday that he was devastated by the death of "a perfect gentle-man who would not hurt a fly". The club had been planning to honour him later this year.

in his time the Pro was regarded as one of the best fullbacks in the country. When he died. Khumalo was head of

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against crime Yesterday, the Soweto police commissioner, Victor Nolut-shungu, condemned the murder

snungu, condemned the murder as senseless and appealed to the community to join hands with the police in lighting crime. But the public is growing in-creasingly frustrated with the authorities' inability to bring crime under control.

Its anger crupted recently in Cape Town when a vigilante group publicly killed a local drug haron. Rashaad Staggie, leader of a gang called the Hard Livings, by shooting and setting fire

It followed a shoot-out between the anti-drugs group and the gangsters which left 18 people wounded.

While police claim some success in cutting crime, violent crime shows no sign of abating. Johannesburg's murder rate remains the highest in the world

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Many of his most enduring images were created when he worked as Official War Poster Designer, designing almost 100 posters during the Secood World War.

Games' rather austere, almost puritanical demeanour belied a wry sense of humour. His gauot, bird-like appearance somehow seemed appropriate to a designer whose work was essentially about paring down the message to its simplest and most powerful form. His objective was to achieve a visual shorthand, and to this eod he adhered to a modernist design philosophy which he neatly summed up in the phrase "maximum meaning, minimum means".

Games spent most of his life working independently, pro-

how difficult he found it to function within institutions. In one report of 1929 he was described as "lazy, indifferent, careless, untidy", and most astonishing-When Games persuaded his parents to allow him to leave the

Grocers' Company School, Hackney the headmaster brutally told him: "To be an artist you need talent and you haven't got it". An attempt to contin-ue his art education at St Martin's School of Art, in Londoo (1930), proved to be another frustrating and unrewarding experience. After two terms Games abandoned his formal art education. He continued life classes in the evening and spent his lunchtimes drawing at the National Gallery and making anatomical studies at the Royal College of Surgeons.
In 1936 he won first prize in

a poster competition to promote London County Council evening classes. In the same year ducing graphic designs from the he was dismissed from the com-studio at his family home in mercial art studio of Askewstudio at his family home in Golders Green, London. In retrospect, apart from the war fooling around - he was at-

tioner, Games usually preferred to produce his graphic images by hand rather than to rely upon photography. As his father was a photographer Games was familiar with dark-room techniques and occasionally combined photography with hand-drawn elements. In "He Talked...-They Died" (1943), part of the "Careless Talk" campaign, he incorporated a photograph of a soldier's body ensuared face-down in barbed wire. The horror attached to this record of a death was infused

with real pathos.

A oumber of Games' war posters excited fierce responses, most notably from the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, and the Labour Minister, Ernest Bevin. His early recruitment poster for the ATSthe women's army - was not reprinted after its "suitability" was questioned in parliament. This poster, which portrayed a glamorous woman soldier in uniform (the "blonde bombshell"), helped to redefine per-ceptions of the ATS, and at the same time challenged those who were defending traditional views of the feminine.

Even greater controversy was generated by Games' contribu-tion to the "Your Britain . . .

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tempting a standing jump over four chairs when his boss caught produced for the Army Bureau produced for the Army Bureau of Current Affairs (1942). In a powerful set of three posters the socialist Games chose to actrated his efforts on promoting knowledge the darker side of sohis solo design career. Copies cial inequality in Britain and of the journal An & Industry (1937), featuring some of his early poster designs, were sent to studios in London. Gradually presented examples of modern architecture – a school, a hlock of flats, a health centre – signifying a brighter future for post-war Britain. commissions for posters came

By juxtaposing these images with grim reminders of the squalid conditions on the Home Front he infuriated some of the war cabinet. Ernest Bevin was responsible for the removal of the poster from an Artists' International Association exhibition and Churchill ordered its destruction. The poster was an unwelcome reminder, particularly to Conservative politicians, of the heavy burden of popular expectation likely to emerge after the war. Games' rich array of concise

and effective wartime images cajoled soldiers about persooal cleanliness, warned against careless talk and horse-play with weapons, persuaded civil-ians to give blood, grow their own food, and even knit socks. The poster which Games

claimed he would most like to be remembered for is the chilling "Your Talk May Kill Your Comrades" (1942). This post-er's message is illustrated in a shockingly literal manner. A spiralling form radiates from a soldier's mouth to signify the circulation of careless gossip. This symbol for language turns into a surreal blood-red bayooet which penetrates three contorted bodies. The link be-tween the soldier's talk and its deadly effect is made crystal

Games' special position at the War Office meant that he was among the first to see the horrific pictorial evidence of Nazi brutality in the concentration camps. These images would haunt him for the rest of his life. As a graphic designer he was deeply conscious of the Nazis' exploitation of all forms of design for their own obscene ends. This harrowing revelation sharpened Games awareness of the responsibility of the graphic designer to present the truth according to his conscience and religious and political beliefs.

As a Jew, Games had worked for the Jewish Relief Unit. After the war he worked tirelessly for many Jewish and Israeli organisations. His poster "Give Clothing for Liberated Jewry" (1946) - based upon an image of a staiving adult in Belsen is a haunting reminder of the

Games was demobbed in 1946 and resumed his freelance practice. Sooo he was working on a number of dis-tinguished campaigns – The Fi-nancial Times, British European Airways, Guinness and the is-land of Jersey. In 1948 he won a competition limited to 12 leading designers which result-ed in the ubiquitous Britannia and the cardinal points emblem of the Festival of Britain. There were very few households in 1950s Britain which did not possess a Festival souvenir displaying this symbol.
In addition to graphic design

Games had a passion for inventing and was proud of his large number of product patents. During the 1950s he invented a copying process which attracted the interest of the large electronic companies. His most famous invention is the Cona Coffee New Table Model (1959) which is now a much

sought-after design classic. Games' international stature was confirmed in 1958 by the award of an OBE, followed in 1959 by his appointment as Royal Designer for Industry (RDI). Infloential as a teacher at the Royal College of Art (1946-53), his meticulous working methods are outlined in Over My Shoulder, a book he produced in 1960.

His skill with letterforms was well demonstrated in the logo-type and corporate identity he produced for GKN (1968). This outstanding logotype has stood the test of time and is still in use

In contrast to his posters Games demonstrated his ability to work on a miniature scale with a set of tourist stamps for Jersey, which won first prize in an international philatelic competition in Italy (1976). Although latterly detached

from the trends of current design practice, Games continued to work productively through-out his final years for a range



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achievement was recognised by his peers in 1991 when he received the Designers and Art from other leading contempo-Directors Association President's Award.

Games' long career paral-leled the development of the professional practice of graph- tion underpinned the strong ic design with its move away moral and political integrity

Bulland Al-Haidari

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Abram Gomes, graphic designer: born Whitechapel, London 29 July 1914; OBE 1958; RDI 1959; married 1945 Marianne Salfeld (died 1988; one son, two daughters); died London 27 August 1996.

forced to leave again in 1980 for London following Saddam Hus-

government and the beginning

Five years later Al-Haidari published his ninth collection,

My Greetings to Beinut. For the

last ten years he wrote little po-

etry, but earned his living writ-

ing for Londoo-based Saudi

publications. He also spent his

time reciting his poems or charming visitors to the exhibi-

tions of his wife, Dallal al-

Mufti, a distinguished sculptor

in her own right. He was active

in political eveots as a founder

member and vice-president of

the Union of Iraqi Democrats,

opposing Iraq's dictator Saddam

Surprisingly the closing vers-es of Bulland Al-Haidari's last

poem, which anticipated - al-

most invited - death, ended on

a hopeful resonance for a

of a new dawn of terror.

### **Erskine Childers**

both anniversary congress of the World Federation of Unit- lecturer and hroadcaster, ed Nations Associations, of Childers joined the UN Secrewhich he was Secretary-General. It is perhaps fitting for so totally dedicated a man that he died giving all of his energy and ingeouity to an international organisation that he was trying desperately to

Childers was a most unusual person by any count. His great grandfather, Robert Childers, was a distinguished Victorian oriental scholar. His grandfather, Erskine, wrote the classic international thriller The Riddle of the Sands. He also fought as a trooper in the South African war and served in the First World War in the oaval air service and the Royal Air Force, among other things doing much of the original aerial mapping of Palestine. After the war he returned to Ireland aod joioed the Republicans when they took up arms. He was executed for treason by the British in 1922 after being tried for having an automatic pistol without the proper authority. His son, also Erskine, moch later on became president of Ireland.

The third Erskine Childers. not surprisingly with such a dramatic family history, grew up with an innate distrust of great powers and of established an-thority. He was passionately interested in the endless quest for justice, equity and fairness in international affairs. His championing of the Palestiniao cause resulted in his first book, Common Sense about the Arab Borld (1960), which he followed up in 1962 with The

es; paring down the message to its most powerful form

tariat in 1967. His special field was ecocomic development, and by the time he retired in 1989, he had worked with virtually all of the organisations of the UN system in all the regions of the world. His last UN position was Senior Adviser to the UN Director for Development and International Ecocomie Cooperation. Erskine Childers and I came

together in 1989 after he had reviewed my memoirs and echoed a remark of mine deploring the slipshod way in which governments and especially permanent members of the Security Council, select the Secretary-General of the UN. We both felt that this question deserved more attention than it had received, and we worked together on a short book, A World in Need of Leadership: tomorrow's United Nations, which was published by the Dag Ham-marskield Foundation and the Ford Foundation in 1990. This subject is once again very much in the oews, and it is sad that a new edition of this book, with a number of fresh ideas from Childers, will be published this

very week, on 30 August. Our teadership study re-ceived an encouraging reception in 1990, and over the intervening years we produced three more works on UN reform - on reorganising the secretariat, on strengthening international response to humanitarian emergencies, and on renewing the UN system. I was increasingly impressed with Childer's imagmation, his vast fund of knowl-

Erskine Childers succumbed Road to Suez o study in Westernto a heart attack during the Arub relations.

edge and experience, his powpay its full dues to the world orgamisation.

When the poet Bulland AlHaidari died, copies of his latin 1926 in Baghdad to an aris-Starting his career as a writer, capacity for hard intellectua work. He never tired of his subject or lost his youthful zeal for pursuing it, and the best ideas

> always his. He was a wonderful persoo to work with. His enthusiasm was constantly boosted by his passionate convictions, his loathing of anything that smacked of hullying or conde-scension, and his indignation at the current fashion to denigrate and downgrade international organisations, especially in the United States.

Childers knew as well as anyone how much these organisations needed improvement and strengthening - in fact he had devoted his later years to this cause - hut he was outraged at the ignorance, prejudice, xeno-phobia and petty malice of much of the current onslaught on the UN. His indignation was intensified by the perennial failure of the United States to



Childens: a champion of the oppressed and the less fortunate

His bitir strong opinions were splendidly stimulating to those he worked with. There is no doubt however that, in the cautious world of the UN secretariat, they also diminished his prospects of advancement. More than one effort to put him in a post which would have given full scope to his great talents was effectively blocked by mannhling and unspecific reservations. I don't think Erskine Childers cared all that much. He was more interested in getting it right and keeping his princi-

ples indiluted. He was, by nature and by inheritance, a champion of the oppressed and the tess fortunate He stood up for the developing countries and their peoples. He fought for their place on the international scene and for the programmes and activities that would help them attain it. To his last day he was indefatigable in writing, researching and ad-dressing meetings all over the world on this subject.

Childers was also an outspoken champion of the United Nations and its mission. In Renewing the United Nations Sys-tem he wrote. The only hope of effectively dealing with the world's major problems in the interest of all humankind is through the progressive developenent of a working world community". That is what Erskine Childers devoted his life

Brian Urqubari

Erskine Childers, international civil servant and activist: born March 1929; twice married; died Lucembourg 25 August 1996.

ruology, ine in Exile, sat unwrapped by the side of his sick-bed; it was published as he was admitted to the Royal Brompton Hospital in West London.

Like many of his fellow Iraqi men and women of letters, Al-Haidari lived the greater slice of his mature years in exile, lamenting the fate of his nation, which was portrayed in a sad, cold picture in the opening verse of his latest collection: Step by step, We marched together,

My country, the hourer of the lean deserts' night, and 1

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The tone of sadness, exasperation and a trace of nilnlism schood, as many critics of Arahic letters ooted, his earlier verse, reflecting a deep sense of the poet as victim of a cruel and unjust world ruled by dictators and tyrants. These sentiments appeared in more meagre dos-es even in his first published collection. Whisked Mud, in 1946.

Al-Haidari was recognised as one of three poets who founded modern Arabie poetry, which was arguably invented by the Iraqi poetess Nazik Al-Malacisa in the 1940s when she destroyed the rigid structure of Albeit al-Amoudi that had re-mained unchanged over 2,000 years. The new freer (or unrestrained) style of structure and form generated an intense de-bate and changed the yardstick of literary criticism among Arahic literary scholars.

ther was an army officer, and the family moved several times between the capital and the Kurdish towns of Arbil and Sulyimania, where young Bulland spent part of his school years. In the early 1940s he was attracted to left-wing political groups in a country which, even under the monarchy - overthrown by the military in 1958 - did not tolerate opposition of any kind, especially from poets and artists. He was himself a tal-

ented artist - in water-colour and oil - and wrote two books on art, one on art criticism, Time for Every Time (1981) and the other on contemporary artists (1993). The publication in 1945 of his verse in the Egyptian literary journal Al-Katib, the highest a

writer of Arabic language could

aspire to, was his doorway to His second collection, The Songs of a Dead City (1952) was widely acclaimed in Cairo, where he was welcomed by the theo giants of modern Arabic literature like Youssef Idriss, Salah Abd-Elsabour and Naguib Mahfouz. Twenty years later his seventh anthology, A Dialogue across the Three Dimensions, was to establish him at the pinnacle of his craft and, in the view the respected Egyptian critic Ahmad Abbas Saleh, "the instigator of the modern trend of Arabic poetry because his choice of subject in his

Yair Rosenbloom, songwriter and composer, died Tel Aviv 27
August, aged 52. Composer of moments before his assassina-



such issues fitted the new freer

As a Kurd, Arabic was not Al-Haidari's mother tongue and he wrote in Kurdish in the early years; he also had no higher education, but he excelled in Arabic. As a poet he became a true intellectual in the Sartreian sense of the word. He established a trend in symbolism that has been emulated by many Arab poets to bypass the heavy cen-

sorship in that part of the world. Following wide human rights abuse after the take-over by the murderous Al-Baath party in 1963, Al-Haidari left Iraq to his first exile in Beirut, where he edited the prestigious Lebanese Knowledge Journal and soon became the darling of the city's literary salons. He was awarded the prestigious Lebanese Writers Union award in 1973. The savage Lebanese civil war forced him to flee Beirut in 1967, however, to a low-key life poems and the treatment of in Iraq, from where he was

Adel Darwish Bulland Al-Haidari, poet, artist, critic and political activist; born Baghdad 26 September 1926: married 1953 Dallal al-Mufti

Hussein.

peaceful future.

Time to go and recall

Where he lost his dreams

Dreams that help us forget,

the resentment awaiting between

the bow and the arrow.

It is time to go,

And his skies.

To the one rotting in jail:

1,000 songs. Presided over the Israeli army's entertainment troupes in the 1960s and 1970s.

(one son); died London 6 August

## Births, Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

HEATON: The Rev Dr Eric William, peacefully in hospital in Oxford on 24 August 1990, aged 75 years. The functal service will take place on Monday 2 September at 2.30µm, in Christ Church Cathedral, followed by interment. No flowers, Donations preferred please for Save the Children Fund c/o Reeves & Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford OX1 4TE. (Parking in the Meadow.)

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MARRIAGES & DEATHS should be sent in writing to the Gazette Editor.
The Independent, 1 Canada Square,
Canary Wharf, Loudon E145DL, telephoned to 0171-293 2011 (24-hour answering machine 9171-293 2012) or faxed to 0171-293 2010, and are charged

### Forthcoming marriages

Major N. J. Cusack RM and Miss M. E. Cole

The engagement is announced be-tween Major Nicholas Cusack, Royal Marines, youngest son of the late Surgeon Commander J. Cusack, Royal Navy, and of Mrs J. Cusack, and Melanie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Cole, of Perth, West-

### Birthdays

Lord Attenborough, actor, producer and director, 73; Professor Laing Barden, Vice-Chancellor, University of Northumbria at Newcastle, 65; Sir Julius Chan, former prime minister, Papua New Guinea, 57; Mr Robert Cormack, former ambassador to Sweden, 61; Dame Mary Donaldson, former, and first woman Lord Mayor of London, 75; Sir

Gunn, poet, 67; Mr Lenny Henry, co-median, 38; Mr Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the BBC, 73; Miss Angela Huth, writer, 58; Mr Michael Jackson, singer, 38; Lord King of Warmaby, president of British Air-ways, 78; Mr John Mackenzie of Mor-nish, Chairman, SEET plc, 71; Mr Antony Newton MP, Lord President of the Council, 59; Mr Denniss Pinn, former chairman, Alcan Alu-minium, 82; Mr Norman Platt, former artistic director and founder of Kent Opera, 76; Mr Greg Pope MP, 36; Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, chairman, N.M. Rothschild & Sons, 65: Mr Dick Spring, Irish Minister for Foreign Affairs, 46.

### Anniversaries

Births: Jean-Baptiste Colbert, statesman and founder of the French Navy, 1619; John Locke, philosopher, 1632; Raphael Georg Kiesewetter, Edler von Wiesenbrunn, historian Niget Foulkes, former chairman, Civil Aviation Anthority, 77; Mr El-liott Gould, actor. 58; Mr Thom

1780; Oliver Wendell Holmes, physician and writer, 1809; John Leech, caricaturist and illustrator, 1817; Maurice-Polydore Marie-Bernard Macterlinck, poet and playwright, 1862; Richard Gardner Casey, first Baron Casey, statesman, 1890; Jack (Weldon Leo) Teagarden, jazz mu-sician, vocalist and bandleader, 1905; Ingrid Bergman, actress, 1915. Deaths: Alessio Baldovinetti, painter, 1499; Lajos II, King of Hungary, 1526; John Fletcher, playwright, 1625; John Lilburne, pamphleteer and reformer, leader of the "Lev-ellers", 1657; Louis Couperin, com-poser, 1661; Edmond Hoyle, writer on card-playing, 1769; Joseph Wright (of Derby), painter, 1797; William Brockedon, painter, author and inrentor, 1854; Christian Friedrich Schönbein, chemist, 1868; Félicien-César David, composer, 1876; Brigham Young, Mormon leader, 1877; Arthur Melville, painter, 1904; The Rev William Archibald Spoon-er, perpetrator of "Spoonerisms", 1930; Astrid, Queen Consort of the Belgians, in a road accident, 1935;

Boris III, Tear of Bulgaria, 1943; Cesare Pavese, novelist and transla-tor, 1950; Vicki (Hedwig) Baum, novelist, 1960; Hazza El-Majali, prime minister of Jordan, assassinated 1960: Eamon de Valera, statesman 1975; Ingrid Bergman, actress, 1982; Lee Marvin, actor, 1987; Mary Pear-son Norton, children's author (of The Barrowers), 1992. On this day: the Spanish fleet was defeated by Edward III at Winchelsea, 1350; HMS Ropal George sank off Spithead while at anchor, with the loss of over 900 lives, ·1782; Michael Faraday discovered the induction of electric currents, 1831; the Factory Act, regulating the em-ployment of children, was passed, 1833; the city of Melbourne, Australia, was founded, 1835; the Treaty of Nanking was signed, ending the Anglo-Chinese war, and agreeing the lease of the Hong Kong territories to Britain, 1842; the British army de-feated the Boers at Boompiatz, 1848; Royalist troops defeated and captured Garibaldi at the Battle of Aspromote, 1862; the second Battle of Bull Run (American Civil War) start
\*Assumptions (v): Giovanni del

ed, 1862; the Sporting Times published an "obitoary" for English cricket, and first mentioned "the Ashes", 1882; the Rugby League (originally "Northern Union"), was formed from 21 clobs in the North of Engknot, 1895; the IIIrd Olympic Games opened at St Louis, Missouri, Unit-ed States, 1904; the Graf Zeppelin completed its tour of the world, 1929; Simeon II became That of Bul-garia under a Council of Regency, 1943; the Soviet Union exploded a hydrogen bomb, 1953. Today is the Feast Day of St Edwold of Cerne, St Medericus or Merry, St Sabina of Rome and the Beheading of John the

### Lectures

Tate Gallery: Jennifer Gordon, "Redefining Sculpture: the work of Andre and Artschwager", Ipm. British Museum Anne Farrer, "20th-century Chinese Painting: the Shanghai school", 1.15pm. National Gallery: Richard Stemp. Ponte, The Ascension of Saint John the Evangelist, with Saints", 1pm.

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The Very Rev Eric Evans There will be a Thanksgiving Service for the life and work of the late Very Rev Eric Evans KCVO, Dehn of St

Paul's, in St Paul's Cathedral on Monday 30 September 1996 at 5pm. If you wish to attend, application for tickets should be made by Friday 6 September, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope, to Miss Penny Bewes, Events Co-ordinator, The Chapter House, St Pani's Cathedral, London EC4M &AD. Telephone 0171-246 8318 or 0171-246 8304,

### British Safety Council

Mr Ted Quigley, Member of the Board of Governors, British Safety Council, hosted a reception yester day evening at the Armourers' Hall, London EC2, to award Diplomas in Safety Management. Mr Tim Hooper and Mr Alan Smith also

Appointments

Mr David Anderson, to be a mem-ber of the United Nations Law of the

Sea Tribunal Mr John Joseph Patrick Powell, to be a full-time Social Security and Child Support Commissioner.

Mr John Deacon Riley, to be a fulltime chairman of Social Security Appeal Tribunats, Medical Appeal Tribunats, Medical Appeal Tribunats, Disability Appeal Tribunats and Child Support Appeal Tribunats and Child Support Appeal Tribunats and Child Support Appeal Tribunats. bunals. Mr Phillip Roy Mackenzie, to be a

district judge, on the Midland and Oxford Circuit. Mrs Anne Maire, Mrs Ann Moore, Mr Alan Mays-Smith, Colonel David Stevens, and Mr David Waddington, to be Deputy Lieutenants for the County of East Sussex.

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Regi-ment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Barte Guards, 11am:

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DESIGNATION OF PARTIES.

# the leader page

# Child care needs a braver strategy than this

Thenever you hear a Tory government minister use the phrase "national strategy" you know one of two things. Either the Conservative Party has converted to collectivism, which is unlikely, or an election is not far off and ministers are out and about doing things. Like unveiling green papers on child care. Yesterday's effort is a poor thing, strong on exhortation but weak on imaginative understanding of the burden borne by working parents with children.

Child care is an arena where gov-ernment should tread lightly. In it men and women are exploring new roles, surveys capture the continuing ambiguity of many women about leaving children to go out to work and the pressure of household finance which makes it necessary. Thus child care is where many of the dramas of domestic life are played out; also where the often selfish and uncaring face of corporate Britain shows most harshly. Better child care ought to mean more and better work opportunities for women and it is a political puzzle that women employees with young children should be as complacent as they appear to be when it comes to voting and responding to opinion pollsters on the issue.

Britain fares badly in most league tables on pre-school care and education outside the home. Surveys and anecdotal evidence confirm that, for many parents of young children, providing

Law favours

far too much

Sir: Every minute of every day, motorists cause massive obstruction of pedestrians and

cyclists, to the extent that children

are not allowed to walk the streets and most people consider cycling

What are the police doing about

this infringement of people's

rights? Well, this weekend in

streets more pedestrian- and

Brighton, supporters of Reclaim The Streets attempted to redress

the balance a little, making a few

cyclist-friendly for a few hours, and the police reacted by arrest them ("Significant Shorts", 26

August). The previous Saturday au

crossroads near here was liberated

air pollution and global warming by

It is becoming clear to very large

numbers of people that throughout the land the police are becoming

part of the solution, working for the

electorate. I call for the dismissal of

part of the problem rather than

roads lobby rather than for the

misappropriations of taxpayers'

money and their replacement by

The whole point of government

should be to supply that which the

self-interested market cannot, not

Sir. As a serving police officer, I

your readers that what the

would like to point out to Bryan Murphy (letter 27 August) and to

protesters in Brighton were doing

highway. That places the people protesting outside the law and liable to arrest. I was not there and

injuries were caused, but no doubt

resisting arrest was a contributory

No matter how much we may

disagree with a particular policy or

law, no matter how frustrated we el about lack of progress towards

the resolution of our grievance, no

one should break the law.

Blackpool, Lancashire

not read John Stalker's

Bromley, Kent

autobiography.
GEOFFREY BUCKNALL

Politicians are there to change

Constable DALLAN SPENCER

Sir. Bryan Murphy (letter. 27 August) tells us that "in Britain,

fortunately, the police are not

above the law". Obviously he has

As counsel who both defends

was an offence: obstructing the

cannot comment on how the

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ROBIN P M CLARKE

Moseley, Birmingham

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somewhere for them to go safely during the day is an expensive headache. Yet the aggregate level of women's employment has been rising - women are now 45 per cent of the workforce. Some 80 per cent of the projected increase in the workforce over the next decade will be female. Although, compared with some other countries, a smaller percentage of single mothers work in Britain, it would be crass to say that the absence of child care has been a barrier to women entering work.

But of course that is only a part of the story. What is not so easily captured by the figures is what child-care difficulties do to women's careers, the way it forces mothers into part-time jobs, smothers ambition and sacrifices talent. Many women with small children lead Stakhanovite lives, diminishing their own well-being, and (there is some evi-dence here) jeopardising their marriages. For employers this is not just a "social cost" or, as the jargon has it, an externality. Under-performing mothers cost us all. The more productive employees, the better-off we all are. The more contented parents are, the hetter parents they are, and that too

The Government's response to that tale is a kind of hand-wringing handsoff. "I don't believe in a nanny state", said employment minister Cheryl Gillan yesterday, borrowing from page one of the Thatcherite book of apho-



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and vague promises of further action? The answer - while unseen by writers of economics textbooks and Tories of John Redwood's hue - is that employers won't play ball. To most of them how employees provide for their children is a private matter, a cost which must not be visited even proportionately on the firm. So, across a wide swathe of small and medium-sized British business employers do nothing to help working women and often fail as a result to get the best out of them. The take-up of the Government's tax incentives for workplace child care

risms. But why then this green paper has been poor. Government needs to act to try and fend off a national own-

The Department for Education and Employment wants suggestions as to how. It needs to be told three things. One, there is no free hunch. More childcare places depend upon government's pump-priming. Tax relief may be less painless than public spending but has the same budgetary effect. Even the most hide-bound Treasury economic adviser can surely see that, over a relatively short period, government spending that boosts the productivity of the workforce and increases the numbers

will be matched by increased tax

Second, the priority group must be those families - often single-mother-led - moving from dependence on benefits into work. Recent evidence emphasises how crucial for them is access to child care that is not just affordable but the cost of which does not deepen the "poverty trap". Solutions are possible perhaps some add-oo to Family Credit - but they will require the closest co-operation inside Whitehall

Social Security, let alone the Treasury. But third, the Government has surely learnt from its abortive nursery vouchers scheme you cannot just wind up parents and expect safe and reliable child care to appear magically. The private sector alone will not produce the places - at least at prices affordable by parents in part-time and lower-paid

between DFEE and the Department of

employment. The voluntary sector, likewise, can only do so much. The Government, so antagonistic in the past to local authorities, has to see that there will be a variety of local solutions. If certain local authorities wish to provide subsidised places that act of local choice should not be censured but encouraged council places will appeal to some parents, but not to others.

In this sense the very opposite of a "national strategy" is needed. Child

available for productive employment care is best provided under a diversity of local strategies. There is, however, a case for a national strategy, except it needs to be much bigger and more radical than the present government seems willing to contemplate. This would involve rigorously reviewing the whole income tax and social security systems for their impact on parents and children, marriage and parmership, in order to make them fairer to those involved in bringing up society's next generation.

### Past symbol of rural oppression

The political history of the hedge is mixed. As symbols of the country-side they once stood for oppression. The idea that they are part of our heritage would have infuriated the 19th-century countryman Richard Cobbett. In his day hedges stood for the triumph of the enclosure movement, which drove cottager's livestock off the commons. Now conservationists see hedges as endangered babitats and the Government is to tighten the rules on cutting them down. So is the hedge left or right, green or black? Reactionary opponents of the Great Reform Bill of 1832 were nicknamed "bedgers and ditchers" - they said they would fight democracy even with their backs against the last hedge.

### - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -



and prosecutes I agree that in the vast majority of cases a defendant i better off if represented at his trial, but there must be confidence reposed in the one by the other if counsel is to do his job properly. In any case it is likely that counsel will any case it is likely that counsel will ask the same questions as would spring to the lips of the defendant. Your correspondent is wrong to say that the defendant has rights

but she has none. Her rights are protected by prosecuting counsel. To restrict cross examination, whether by counsel or the accused in person, to prevent distress to the victim, must lead to injustice.

Unless and until a defendant is

convicted he or she must be treated as innocent. The victim has the right to have her case put by the Crown through counsel. The defendant must not be denied the right to defend himself. STANLEY BEST London EC4

### Costume drama all about women

Sir: Have John Lyttle and David Benedict overlooked the true significance of the recent spate of costume dramas ("All Dressed Up for the Movies", 26 August)? Hardy and Jude apart, they are almost all by women about women's concerns and with heroines rather than heroes. Where once we used happily to swash a buckle we now only swish a bustle. Is this all yet another postfeminist ploy to take over the commanding heights of our

## are essential

Angust) that there was too much disadvantaging the passenger. The sole aim, he asserted, was to make instead of providing efficient passenger-handling facilities. First, those profits are essential

to BAA's ability to spend on airports Conran rightly calls for. to Heathrow.

It will, in summary, spend between now and the 21st century more than £1,500m on what is essential national transport infrastructure. In no other country in the world is this kind of infrastructure provided at no cost to the taxpayer. Second, passengers want the shops. BAA interviews 400,000

passengers a year to establish what their views really are: 90 per cent want high-quality shopping facilities at airports. Conran says that people come to the airport only to shop. This is

majority of shops are "airside" and it requires a plane ticket and passport to reach them. Conran says retail takes up too

per cent of terminal space. You cannot serve 100 million people a year without momentary lapses and some complaint. But

determined effort and generally good results are possible, and, we believe, achieved. DES WILSON Director, Corporate and Public Affairs, BAA

### Give India help on Test Ban

Sir. The Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, is visiting India to press the Indian Government not to oppose the forwarding of the draft Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty to the UN General

wrongly - on its concern that the nuclear weapons states have yet to demonstrate their agreed commitment, as outlined in the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, to the eventual abolition of all

Many countries, India included, will be particularly dismayed at the lack of progress on disarmament measures made by the medium-size nuclear powers - Britain, France Mr Rifkind could pull off a

diplomatic coup on his visit to India by providing the Indian Government with assurances about

India's acceptance of a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. In particular, Mr Rifkind should state specifically that Britain's Trident nuclear arsenal will be included in START III negotiations, and that Britain will support the creation of an ad hoc committee on disarmament at the UN Conference on Disarmament

("Retailers are trying to hold back the Internet tide", 23 August). to discuss a Nuclear Weapons
Convention, which would seek to
control the fissile materials and
dismantle the launch systems of As Nigel Cope rightly points out, World Wide Web-based shopfronts are highly suitable for some merchandise, particularly "soft" or digital merchandise. They are nuclear weapons.

IANET BLOOMFIELD

Chair, CND, London N7 unsuitable for other merchandise, particularly commodities found in supermarkets - especially perishables.

### **Back the Beeb**

Sir: To further support Polly Toynbee's article ("We need the BBC and Auntie needs her friends", 27 August), yes we do. Moving into the 21st century, uncompromised impartiality is more vital than ever. Let's stop cheapening the BBC by asking it to hustle, and understand its true value - the ability to tell the truth. COLIN PILKINGTON London SW4

### Sorry, Esther

Sir. Sentiment is compatible (and programmes ("Rantzen'a threat to BBC integrity", 26 August). Sentimentality is not, which is the

Sir. Clive Turner of British-American-Tobacco ("Won't give it up or can't give it up", 24 August) attempts to wriggle out of dealing with the reality of addiction to smoking tobacco.

Face the facts on tobacco addiction

The BMA, in its book Help Your Patient Stop (1988), suggests doctors avoid using the word "addiction" when advising patients about giving up smoking, simply and solely because the word bas such a disheartening message about the power of the nicotine

Addiction is not just a liking for something, nor even an abuse. It is a physical and/or psychological activity. While "addiction" to chocolate or sex may indeed be questionable, addiction to tobacco is a reality which kills millions every

DR VIVIENNE NATHANSON Head of Science, Ethics and Policy British Medical Association

### Cut exam boards and end choice

Sir: The number of exam boards in England has been cut from 24 to four since the introduction of the GCSE examination ("Exam boards face streamlining", 28 August). Further reductions would eliminate choice completely - especially if the logic of Gillian Shephard's argument is extended to universities. With only one, we could be sure that everyone sits exactly the same examination nationally, baving all taken exactly the same course.

And with one newspaper, we could be sure of consistency in the news we receive. A national water board, railway or airline would puarantee consistency too. Whether or not it would be consistently good is a different

GEORGE R G TURNBULL
Associated Examining Bound Guildford

Internet retailing

Sir: A number of points should be

made before the total domination

The penetration of PCs into UK

households, the last time I looked,

was around 25 per cent, far too low

those "wired" PCs is far too narrow

supermarket shopper is used to on the TV and too narrow for economic delivery of "soft" goods.

For the average order of four to five bags of goods, at current rates

the delivery charge would surely be too much to bear. Quite apart from

to make supermarket retailing a

reality.

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MARK NORMAN

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of the retail market by Internet-

based services is to be believed

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### Dinghy danger to children

Sir: Deborah Jackson's article ("More lessons and lifeguards", August 24) about the dangers to children at British seaside resorts was timely, but omitted to mention what has become the most common of such perils.

For many years now, small inflatable dinghies, used at the water's edge, have posed the greatest potential danger to children. Skegness inshore lifeboat is frequently called out several times a day to retrieve children drifting out to sea in their little rubber boats. They can provide loss of fun in sand-bound creeks but should not really be used on the open sea, and then only with a line beld by a parent WINSTON KIME Skegness, Lincolnshin

### Cull the car

Sir: Mad Car Disease directly kills 500 times as many people as its bovine variant. Now that we know the additional damage being done by pollution, surely it is time to start culling these dangerous beasts. Where is the European Union when we need it? SEAN WOODS London SW8

# Rape accused

have rights too Sir. It would be impossible not to sympathise with the anonymous correspondent (26 August) who says that she was attacked and Inpediat knifepoint. It is, however, the when she protests that her when she protests that her alleged attacker, who awaits trial, ought not to be allowed to defend himself in person and to crossautonomy?
JOHN C GRIFFITHS Reabrook,

## Airport shops

Sir: Terence Conran argued ("What is an airport for", 17 retailing at UK airports, profits for BAA's shareholders

providing the efficient, modern Last year alone it invested £450m in airport infrastructure; it is additionally committed to nearly £400m on an ultra-modern rail service from the centre of London

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the above, people like to shop.
Where Mr Cope's argument is sustained, though, is in his suggestion that the retailers are running scared.
Perhaps the most pertinent question to put to retailers is: why reason why I watch Panorama but haven't they grabbed the opportunity presented by Internet-based instore "kiosks" to extend switch off Esther Rantzen. ALISON LEAKEY the merchandise they can offer in smaller stores?

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# Russia's Lone Ranger

Alexander Lebed breaks jaws and makes bitter enemies. But if he makes peace in Chechnya he will be a hero and Boris Yeltsin's heir apparent. Dark forces, says Phil Reeves, are ranged against him

ot long ago, Alexander Lebed, who has a weakness for headline-grahhing tionship with his new boss, Boris Yeltsin, in the following glowing terms. "He is a regular guy. I'm a regular guy. We get along."

tt was hardly surprising. The president had just swept the retired two-star general to the pinnacle of power in Russia. Like a tsar besotted with a new friend, Yeltsin beaped favours into the lap of his protégé, making him secretary of the Security Council and his national security adviser over night. "This is not just an appointment," the president enthused, as he posed with his new right-hand man in an urnate Kremlin office, "This is a union of two politicians."

Nearly 11 weeks on, the union appears to he falling apart. Everyone always knew that the main reason Yeltsin recruited Lebed was because he wanted to snap up the 10.7 million votes the general won (with secret Kremlin backing) in the first round of this summer's presidential election. But, for a while, he seemed genuinely smitten. He even hinted that Lebed was his choice for the next president.

No more. In the past few days. Yeltsin has slammed a door in the general's face by refusing his requests for a meeting to discuss a settlement in Chechnya. The president's aides say he is on holiday at a state country lodge near Moscow, where Leonid Brezhnev once hunted bears with Fidel Castro.

Ignoring Lebed's desires for a quick accord-vital in the Caucasus where there are so many unsettled scores - the president's staff said last night that Mr Yeltsin had finally examined a dossier on the crisis supplied by the general on Wednesday last week, and had issued instructions to "consolidate the peace process". But the two men had not met face to face and vital days had been lost.

Such is the apparent disdain with which the president has treated Lebed that the general had earlier suggested that it was jeopardising negotiations, snuffing out hope of an end to the war in the troubled Muslim



General Alexander Lebed: 'A country that claims to be a democratic state cannot settle ethnic problems using rockets and shells'

republic, where at least 35,000 people have been killed in the probably its only hope, of endpast 20 months. As refugees ng the carnage.

trickle back into bombed-out For a start, the rebels seem Grozny, rumours circulated that Lebed - who is prone to being to like and trust him. They quickly warmed to his direct manner, and his open admishot-tempered and impulsive was on the verge of quitting. Although he seems unlikely sion that the Kremlin is ensuared in a disastrous, corto go ahead with that threat, it rupt and unwinnable war. would be a disaster for Chech-

As the commander of airnya and Russia if he does. Just over three weeks after Chechen borne troops, he has experienced other separatist conflicts separatist fighters wrecked Boris Yeltsin's inauguration cerin Afghanistan, Georgia Moldova, and Azerbaijan. The emony by storming into Grozny. Lebed has made surprising progress, despite pessimists who rebels also admired his courage. In contrast to the heavily armed said (and still say) that the war is destined to grind on for ever. entourages that surround most Russian commanders on visits The 46-year-old general has to enemy territory, only three secured a military truce and has hodyguards accompanied opened discussions on a long-Lebed on his initial meetings term political settlement. with the Chechen chief-of-staff, Despite plentiful evidence that Aslan Maskhadov.

Yet recent events have made

has cooled sharply, he remains it clear that the conflict has a - in his case, power. But he the Kremlin's best hope, and larger dimension. Yeltsin's off-faces a tough task if he is to hand treatment of Lebed sug- carve himself a niche in the

Kremlin, in the face of opposigests that Chechnya has become a crucible in which the power-brokers in the Kremlin For one thing, his power will forge their relationships hase is uncertain. He has not with one another. Centre-stage got the backing of a ministry.

tion from Mr Yeltsin himself.

### 'A large number of enemies always makes a real man more attractive and, of course, I have them'

stands the hurly frame of Mr He acknowledges the fact that Lebed, the newcomer who is struggling to be heard. he has plenty of enemies. In fact, he relishes it, observing Lebed, a former boxer with

a broken nose, has long heeo fond of depicting himself as a sort of Russian Lone Ranger, single-handedly taking on the single-nanocoly taking on the crude might of the system. His now scarcely available autobiography, I am Embarrassed for the Nation, is said to portray a hero who triumphs over a world populated by incompetent dolts, occasionally using brawn before having. before hrains. He proudly describes how he disciplined a group of 10 soldiers who had heen carrying out a brutal ini-tiation ceremony on new recruits in Afghanistan: he

broke their jaws.
In Lebed's eyes, such exploits are all part of the self-styled persona of "a born winner". He is, he told the Financial Times recently, a "fatalist who is convinced that what is written at a that "a large number of enemies aiways makes a real man more attractive, and, of course,

I have them." These include generals and officials who deeply resent his

Lebed that Mr Chernomyrdin is now the favoured heir. Nor has Lebed any signifi-cant political party behind him to defend his corner. His three titles - Security Council Secretary, national security adviser, and presidential envoy to Chechnya - can be taken away by Mr Yeltsin as suddenly as he bestowed them. The general's strength resides in his popular-

interference with a war that many still want to settle by

crushing the Chechens. Others, rolling in ill-gotten war profits, simply want to prolong it. He has also ruffled the feathers of

three of the Kremlin's most powerful players: the presi-dent's chief-of-staff, Anatoly

Chubais; the interior minister,

Anatoly Kulikov, and the prime

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Lebed has ruffled the feathers of the Kremlin's most powerful players: Yeltsin (left), his chief of staff, Anatoly Chubais, and the prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin

ity and, more importantly, in the media, which he is culti-

vating with all the zeal of a

Perot with pips - his limelight-

grabbing instincts belong more

in the past few years, despite

several gaffes which opened

the lid on the darker side of his

brand of patriotism. The worst

arrival in office, when he

described Mormons as "mould and scum" and made a slighting

reference to Jews-remarks for which he apologised after an outcry that reached as far as the

US White House.

lthough he tries to

depict himself as a plain speaking soldier

Hollywood PR agent.

interviewers. Holding a Camel cigarette aloft in a long ciga-rette holder, he lowers his cliff-like forehead and switches on a long unblinking stare. His victim tamed, he begins to rumble forth in a voice so low that you feel like poking him on the lapel and asking him to speak properly.
"The Soviet Union died,"

he told me shortly before his meteoric rise. The person who is not sorry about its destruction has no heart. But the person who dreams of restoring it has no brains."

Such neat bursts of prover-hial wisdom have won him friends among the Russian press. They rarely return from an encounter with Mr Lebed without a good story backed up by pithy, and often surprisingly witty quotes, and a stock of historical parallels - from Stalin, to Churchill, to Northern Ireland.
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the war were "wolves", willing to fight to the death, he told a hall full of journalists. "No army in the world can win a war against such people," he declared. "A country that claims to be a democratic state cannot settle ethnic problems using rockets and shells."

But, he boasted, given the chance, he could solve the conflict in "20-25 minutes". In the same speech, he referred to the deportation by Stalin of the entire Chechen nation to Siberia and Central Asia in 1944. The Chechens were pleased. And the Moscow newspapers were impressed Most of them have applauded his peace initiative; this week Kommersont declared him to be the "bravest politician and gen-

eral in Russia' The accolade reflects the undercurrent of popular support that Lebed enjoys in Russia - despite anger among the army's and interior ministry's to a wily courtier. If anything, he old guard. If he pulls off the Yeltsin's sluggish unco-operativeoess), he will be a national hero in a country that is heartily sick of seeing its young men of these came shortly after his slaughtered for oothing. He will also become the clcar favourite for the presidency.

No one will care a jot that his politics are still somewhat foggy and that his commitment to democracy is uncertain. We know he is relaxed about Nato expansion, passionate about military reform and law and order, and an advocate of pragmatic "common sense" nationalism. He has persistently warned that Russia is on the verge of a social revolt, and appears to believe that the way to avert this is by restoring order by making government departments answerable to a powerful autonomous structure - his own Security Council.

"Power," he remarks, omi-nously, "is never given, it can only be seized." For the time being be is playing a heroic role, which Mr Yeltsin is failing adequately to support. But that does not make him a regular

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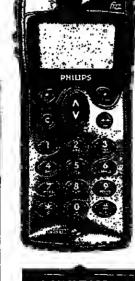
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# Fat ladies and Fringe activities

Edinburgh Fringe again, but when you're here, the real world does seem a long way away. Even when you are in the real Edinburgh, life takes un a sort of Fringe overtone. For instance, I was ped-

alling through the Grass Market the other day when I noticed a wonderful-looking cook-book shop, and I remembered that when I was last liv-ing in Notting Hill there had been a wonderful-lunking cook-book shop in Blenheim Crescent run by a larger-thanlife woman called Clarissa Dixon-Wright. The reason I remembered it so well was that it was right opposite the Travel Bookshop, where my daugh-ter, Sophie, worked for a long while. I also remembered that the last time I met Jenifer Paterson, the affably eccentric cook who rides round London on a motor hike, she had said that Clarissa Dixon-Wright had transplanted to Edin-

'm sorry to mention the chordes and cries of welcome, to the extent that she agreed to put up a poster for our show, The Death of Tchai-kovsky - a Sherlock Holmes Mystery. That this was not just a gesture was proved a moment later when two men came in asking if they could put up their posters for their

> "Let's see them," said They showed her two quite decent posters for a WB Yeats

and they retired, looking most "You don't take many posters, then?" I asked.

"My dear, if I put up every poster I was offered, I wouldn't have a shop," she

you remember Sophie from the Travel Bookshop?" "Yes, indeed!" she said. "We were great chums. I wonder how she is." "She's having a baby in

play evening. "No, don't like it," she said,

"By the way," I said," do

here," said Clarissa. "How wonderful! But how



Miles Kington

"She's my daughter." "Good heavens! How wonderfull I had no idea! ... Gosh, yon look bronzed, dear!"

This, not to me, but to the window cleaner who had just appeared and was carefully cleaning round the few posters that had been allowed to go up. He did indeed look as brown as n coffee bean. "Aye, well, I've been off for two weeks working as a ski

"Abroad?" I said. "No, here in Edinburgh." They've got one of the world's best dry-ski slopes

"Have they really?" said another customer, who had somewhere to do some summer skiing. Tell me more ... A moment later he and the

window cleaner had retired to a corner to swap each other's intimate details, while Clarissa had proudly produced a TV publicity card headlined BIGGER THAN KEITH

FLOYD!"
"Has Jenifer told you that
we are making a TV cookery
"neather?" she programme together?" she said. "It's going to be called Two Fat Ladies. It's coming out this autumn. We've had terrific fun shooting it. We've been going round on a motor bike and side-car together. So far it hasn't huckled under the

It is true that neither Clarissa nor Jenifer is exactly a waif. That is why the programme is called Two Fat adies. That is also why the publicity on the card read: Bigger than Rick Stein! Bigger than Keith Floyd! Even bigger than Delia!" No danger of being sued under the Trades

Description Act there. Now, the whole point of that little four-part conversa-

"Gosh, I've been looking for tion is that although the Fringe was nowhere really mentioned, it was a very Fringe conversation, because it is at the Edinburgh Fringe that you keep bumping into the most unlikely people and things and not being surprised by it at all. And where else would you meet a window cleaner who also taught skiing? But he is not the only man here with dual jobs.

A few days later I was in perhaps the nicest shop in Edinburgh, the Gramophune Emporium in St Stephen's Street, a treasure house of old 78s and LPS, which is run by a young man called Neil with an encyclopaedic knowledge of jazz records. As it opens only one and a half days a week, I asked him curiously what he did the rest of the week. "Oh, I work part-time at Aztec, the Latin-American shop in Victoria Street." he said, "and I also teach Gaelic at a music school called St

I challenge anyone to come up with a wilder threesome of jobs. Outside Fringe time,

burgh. So I got off my hike and

went in and there, sure

enough, was Clarissa Dixon-

Wright who greeted me with

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# the commentators

y instant reaction to the new Globe Theatre at London's Bankside was: well, it'll be nice when it's finished, Surveying the majestic, top-less farmhouse loaf that this Elizabethan replica so curiously resembles, you make all kinds of necessary mental adjustments (remove the cranes, blank out the Portakabins, pretend the arc lights aren't there, ignore the generator noise, forget the looming ruin of Bankside Power Station) and you're still mesmerised by the unvarnished planking and just-made it breezenished planking and just-made-it breeze-blocks, the lashed-up walkways and sten-cilled signs. Even the buxon sellers of fizzy orange drinks (a nice Neil Gwynne touch) don't exactly drench you in period atmos-phere. It all feels so temporary. God knows what the tourists make of it, and whether it makes them feel they're aboard the QE2 during its famous floating refit.

The production of Two Gentlemen of

Verona is as lively as human ingenuity can make one of Shakespeare's most lumpen comedies, but such is the nature of the evening that you spend your time reviewing the audience. This is the theatre where, of course, you're supposed to join in, heckle, barrack, hurl fruit and generally interact with the thespians in approved groundling style. It took a while to get them going. Most of the groundlings spent the first half watching the darkening sky for rain, surreptitiously swigging beer as if at a rock festival, and wondering if the blonde in the royal box was or wasn't Jane Horrocks off



## JohnWALSH

What's this? Punch and Judy at the Globe? As Shakespeare goes interactive, it's time the audience learnt their lines

the telly (it was). Gradually, some people got the idea that they were supposed to be part of the dramaturgical mise-en-scène, and tentatively plonked their elbows on the edge of the stage. When Lannee the droll appeared with a don't have the headlesses. appeared with a dog in tow, the audience reached up to pet it. When Proteus revealed his secret plan to dump Julia, everyone hissed. When the sleazeball Thurio appeared in swimming trunks and dipped his toe over the edge of the stage, they went Ooh and Aah. It was, in other words, Shake-speare as Punch-and-Judy show, with the dience re-thought as kids.

But as the night wore on, things grew op. The professional classes in the "gentlemen's box" broke out mobile fridges of Chablis. Mobile phones shrilled. The elbow-on-stage

crew feasted their groundling eyes on Anastasia Hille's bosom as, in a flimsy nightie, she fought off an attacker two inches away from them. Unscripted banana skins whistled past the ears of the salsa band. And, as one of the (on-stage) warring couples attempted a reconciliation, a kindly old gent from the stalls shouted, "Don't do it, Julia!" in counselling-service tones. He got the biggest cheer of the night. I'm happy to believe that interactive Shake state is the drama of the future like the

Please do not ask me about Koo Stark. I have absolutely nothing further to disclose

speare is the drama of the future, like the Globe itself, it just needs a bit more sanding and polishing. But where do you learn to be a good audience?

about our relationship. While naturally delighted about the happy condition in which she finds herself, I cannot be drawn into idle speculation as to the hegetter of her abdominal bump. I simply will not discuss what we once meant to each other. No. oo, my lips are sealed. You cannot drag it out of me. Scalding books. Wild horses.

Oh, very well, then.

We met just once. It was years ago. I sat
oext to her at a dinner party. You were expecting something more sensational? Draw near, geotle reader, for there is more. I am happy to tell you that Ms Stark did something to me that oo other woman has ever done, before or since. She was by my side, looking very gorgeous (her eyes are dangerously hright and flickering, like the snake-woman's in Coleridge's poem "Christobel") and I cudgelled my brain for a cooversational opening but could think of nothing that did not involve the Royal Family. or porn movies, or both. Conceding defeat, turned to talk to the woman on my right, leaving Ms Stark to the charms of the chap on her left. Exactly one minute later, I felt the odd sensation of being interfered with, and realised that Ms Stark's hand was rummaging in the pocket of my jacket. As I numed back, she was taking out the contents of same and inspecting them with amuse-ment. It was a shameful display: disposable lighter, No 49 bus ticket, sticky half-pack of mentholyptus Tunes, bafflingly acquired "Large Oriental chest for sale, phone



Desiree", disengaged cuff-button, souvenir biro emblazoned with "Cutty Sark, Green-wich" logo, paperclip – plus (thank God) the hill from a hotel in Connemara where I'd spent the previous week. We talked about Ireland. It wasn't the most passionate encounter in history, but Ms Stark's direct approach to the socially challenged was damned effective.

Rod Steiger, the brilliant actor with the threatening vap and staring eyes, was in Londoo this week, doing some filming for a new movie called *Incognito*. It's about an art forgery, which is wholly appropriate

since Mr Steiger has taken the mantle of the late Edward G Rohinson as Hollywood's premier art composseur. On the last day of filming, he rang an American actor friend, William Hootkins, the hurly and grizzled veteran of a thousand radio plays, audiobooks and voice-overs for trailers of small-town-in-peril disaster movies. "C'mon Bill," commanded Steiger, "take me to some galleries."

Misunderstanding the great man's requirements, Hootkins went into a brisk tourist infocrary: "Well, you've got to see the Claes Oldenburg at the Hayward, and the Spanish flower paintings at the Dulwich Gallery and - have you been to the Sainsbury's wing of the National?"

"No, Bill, no," said Steiger. "I mean gall er-ies. Shop-ping."

The afternoon was spent cruising the art circuit from Bayswater to Hampstead in Steiger's white limousine, hurning plastic. "And it's odd, you know," reports Hootkins, "how all galleries treat you differently if you draw up in one of those things, with a film star in tow. In seconds, you have a glass of champagne in your hand, a canalogue under your arm and you're looking

Steiger is now back in the US, auditioning portrait painters to immortalise himself and his young family. "Sort of Graham Sutherland with a softer edge," is the kind of thing he's looking for, should you have your box of acrylies handy.

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# Return of the angel

We all love children. But on the subject of their welfare the world has gone almost completely mad

rouses the Democratic Convention with her usual soppy guff about children. She has to do this to counteract the Republicans' soppy guff about children. Netther party can afford not to emit soppy guff about children. It is the American way. Meanwhile, Queen Silvia of

Sweden causes embarrassment by attacking her country's tolerance of child pornography at the world's first congress against the sexual exploitation of children, being held (oddly under the circumstances) in Stockholm. In California, a Bill is about to convicted paedophiles to be either castrated or drugged to prevent them re-offending. The case of the Belgian serial child abuser and killer Marc Dutroux continues to enthrall the world and a 34-year-old Briton has been arrested in Albania for sexually abusing two boys. Oh, and a new film of Vladimir Nabokov's Lolita has resurrected

the controversy that once surrounded that book: does it encourage paedophilia? I could go on, but you get the point. Children are the issue of the moment. On the one hand, they are evoked as the ne plus ultra of American politics; on the other, they are seen as being at unprecedented risk from a world-wide epidemic of paedophilia. Whole pages of

broadsheet newspapers are routinely devoted to the day's crop of paedophile horrors.

But first, in order to avoid the usual misunderstandings, 1 need to make a few things clear. Children are important, child abuse is horrible, hell has

M Dutroux and, if I thought Nabokov's great and beautiful novel in any way condoned or encouraged the abduction or seduction of 12-year-old girls, I would be the first to cast my

copy to the flames. But, bracingly orthodox and npright as my attitudes clearly are, I cannot help but notice that, on the subject of children, the world has gone completely

First let me deal with their use in politics - this is, in the extreme form exemplified by La Clinton, an American



BRYAN APPLEYARD

phenomenon. But, in some form, it happens everywhere. What is noticeable, whenever it occurs, is that the idea of the child is held up as a shining light beyond the practicalities of politics. Neither in her speeches nor in her sentimental writings has Mrs Clinton anything of substance, use or meaning to say about the care, education or protection of children. Equally, when our own leaders kiss babies during election campaigns, the gesture is entirely devoid of practical content. All any of these people are saying is: yes, we too worship at the shrine of the child.

For those who think that Rikki Lake, Geraldo, Oprah Winfrey and our own dear Esther Rantzen are deep, this is fine. For the rest of us, it is

grotesque, because what political child-worship actually means is: childhood is the only absolute we dare embrace.

Politics is a numbers game, and long ago the numbers went weird. There are, these days, loo many factions, each with its own absolutes, many of which conflict. Sure, the Americans can still play the patriotism card, but beyond that there's nothing, no agreed virtues.

Here it is worse. Patriotism is out for all but the Europhobes, and all other considerations of virtue are being Magimized down into a niceness contest between Tony and John. The public world, bereft ilised and the child becomes the only acceptable icon.

Insofar as this icon has any practical content, it is this children are the future. Fine, give them an education, give them a culture. But if that culture torns out to have been infantilised, what's the point? Children will grow up to be children. For the truth is that worshipping children as the future is another way of saying that we have no faith, no confidence, no belief in the present. The worship of the child is an admission of political failure.

Next paedophilia. I am pre-pared to bet - I cannot lose, since there is no way of knowing - that there is no more child abuse today than there was 100 years ago. The one difference is that cheap global travel and communications systems such as the Internet make the systematisation of abuse easier.

Maybe that has resulted in some increase in the overall numbers, but I doubt it. In any case, such systems also help with the detection of child

that is invariably ignored. What is clear is that the

sexual abuse of children currently enthralls the world. Abuse stories that would once have been passed over are inflated to run alongside the big horror stories like Dutroux. Knowing this, Calvin Klein can dabble with paedophiliac images to generate publicity for his horrible clothes and illiterates can creep out of the closets, where they have hidden since the Fifties, to damn Lolita, one of the great works

### The worship of the child is an admission of political failure

of art of the past 50 years. I have written before about the way this hypersensitivity to any sexual threat to our children feeds our general contemporary sense of the world as a landscape of limitless, incalculable risk. But why this par-ticular risk? Why have we fas-tened on to child abuse as the defining evil of our day?

The answer is obvious. Just as a moral, intellectual and cultural vacuum ohliges politi-cians to adopt the child as the only absolute good, so it obliges everybody else to adopt the abuse of the child as the only absolute evil. Look at how social workers became obsessed with Satanic ehild abuse dressing up this evil, borrowing the imagery of religion to make it as foul as possible.

Child abuse was all they had. There was nothing else on which they could all agree to vent their sense of evil andwhich they knew would inflame ours. It worked. Perhaps we have dropped the horns and cloaks out of embarrassment. But the sheer intensity of our interest and concern makes the same point - this crime, above all others, fulfils our need for evil. An undue obsession with

children, as focus of good or

occasionally for evil, is infantile.

It is a symptom of a society that cannot grow up. Of course children should be cared for and child abusers bunted down and prosecuted. But to become obsessed with these processes indicates that we are oot confident we can do either, that there is something so wrong with the present that we must flee to the future we imagine to be embodied in our children. They will not thank us because children, unlike their parents, still believe in growing up.

dance (the Royal Ballet has its

own morris-dancing outfit to

this day). De Valois thus laid

the foundation for the char-acteristic English style of neat, fleet footwork enshrined in the

works of Frederick Ashion.

Atlantic, George Balanchine,

who left Russia in 1924, was discovering the lean, rangy bodies of American dancers

and the jazzy perfections of Broadway and incorporating

these elements in the neo-classical style he forged for his

adopted country.
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### THE CENTRAL FACTS FROM THE COURSES YOU ALWAYS MEANT TO TAKE, IN 25 LECTURES

Ballet dancers walk in a very silly way: their toes do not face the direction of travel. Instead their legs are unnaturally twisted at the hips so that a greater variety of poses can be struck at a moment's notice with elegance and economy. It is called turn-out and it has its roots in the formal dances of the French The five positions of the

feet were already established by the mid-17th century, but over the years steps were added by succeeding generations of virtuoso dancers. To the core repertoire of stances were added the various poses on one leg (arabesque, attitude), jumps (jeté, pas de chat, cabriole, ballotte, etc), and turns (pirouette,

fouetté, promenade, etc). The transformation of the vulgar trick of toe-dancing into an art form is traditionally attributed to Marie Taglioni, who stuffed her satin slippers with cotton and rose on tiptoe better to suggest the hightfooled fairies then in fashion. La Taglioni's greatest success was in August Bournonville's 1832 ballet La Sylphide. She created such a sensation that a group of fans with sound digestions stewed and are a pair of her slippers in fetishistic tribute. The modern ballerina's ability to rise on to points and stay there is made possible by rigorously trained foot muscles, well-fitted blocked shoes and several yards of sticking plaster.

So if ballet is mostly French in origin, why do we associate it with Russia? Although obliged to import its earliest dance teachers from France, Russia soon made up for lost time with Tchaikovsky and Marius Petipa (another Frenchman) creating works such as Sleeping Beauty and Swan Lake, which have survived substantially unchanged

to the present day.

The pre-eminence of Russian ballet in the popular imaginatioo is partly thanks to Petipa (and his collaborator Lev lvanov) but mostly due to the impresario Sergei Diagh-ilev, who hired some of St Petersburg's finest to form an international touring company in 1909. The popular success and enormous influence of Les Ballets Russes were largely thanks to Diaghilev's unerring ability to cherry-pick the creative forces of the age. His taste and judgement led to a masterly fusion of the contemporary arts, fashionably decadent visuals by Benois and Bakst, modern music from Straviosky, and transcendent performances by Nijinsky, Pavlova and Karsavina. Every one of these singular talents was to quit Russia for good in the creative diaspora that



Ballet VISITING LECTURER: Louise Levene

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Ballet's popularity with ordinary citizens and commissars alike ensured its survival, but although the classics were treasured, new choreography, cut off from international stimulus, either stagnated or developed along brash Soviet lines. This dearth of creative taleor was masked by the fine dancers still being produced in numbers that astonished Western audiences when the Bolshoi and Kirov began touring abroad with dancers like Ulanova, Nureyev, Makarova, Baryshnikov and Asylmuratova. Inevitably a shortage of red meat and fresh ballets led

Britain had long been used to regarding hallet as a foreign import and any home-grown talents modified their names accordingly: Hilda Boot hecame Hilda Butsova; Hilda Munnings, Lydia Sokolova; Peggy Hookham, Margot Fonteyn. Britain did not evolve a native ballet until a former Diaghilev dancer called Ninette de Valois (real name Edris Stannus) set up ber Academy of Choreographic Art in 1926, an enterprise that by 1956 had become known as the Royal Ballet.

Just as Russian ballet had

many of them to defect to the style their programming is often depressingly similar. The core repertoire of 19th century classics is usually mixed with more modern, ofteo plotless works. Twentieth century ballet may have addressed everything, from gang rape to the Holocaust (and that's just Kenneth MacMillan), but ballet can only tell very simple stories. Ballet-haters often complain that the fairy-tale plots are silly. They forget that there are only so many

grafted native folk traditions on to the basic classical technique, De Valois rooted British ballet in national

relationships you can get across without saying a word - as Balanchine once remarked: "There are no

mothers-in-law in hallet". Plots are necessarily simple but eternal: boy meets swan, boy loses swan, boy gets swan. Tomorrow: Myth

# market report/shares Investors pay premium for a pinta from Dairy Crest

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Priced at 155p the shares FT-SE 350 floated to 196.5p, comfortably ahead of the most optimistic 1960.5 +6.0 SEAQ VOLUME 623.9m shares,

The rousing reception accorded the milkmen prompted speculation of a stake-building exercise. The near-21 million turnover included some lumpy deals and in the excitement it would not have been difficult

to build a strategic interest. However, the shares have benefited from a swing in sentiment in the market and the milk industry since the pinta is-sue was priced at the start of August. Then the FT-SE 100 index was, at best, just showing the first signs of starting its record-breaking run which

Dairy Crest made a top-of-the-morning stock market debut. companies by wringing promis-es from Milk Marque to mod-

ify its pricing system. Even before such changes

Dairy Crest was compenitively price; rated lower than Northern Foods or Unigate. So a milky-way launch was expected. Most dealers were looking for around 175p - a price too low to even contemplate in the rush following the opening bell.

The scramble will be appreciated by the 28,000 farmers, eligible for a handout worth some £6,000 each, mostly in shares, when the former marketing arm of the dis-banded Milk Marketing Board priced its shares for flotation. The rest of the market re-

mained confident as some big players, returning from their holidays, helped sentiment by alighting on shares that have herd in the August race.



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of the year

imagination, jumping 32p to 593p as the market latched on new Sequence computerised system continued to torment to the possibility Prudential Corporation might be temptsome dealers. There were apparent examples of trades beed to splash out following the ing misrecorded and it was widely assumed that the reported volume - 623.9 million was overstated.

The supporting FT-SE 250 index kept up its bounding run gaining 9.5 to 4.437.8. It was the 20th consecutive plus - a winning streak last achieved in the summer of 1993.

A successful government stocks auction, better-than-

sale of its Mercantile & General reinsurance business. However any deal would need the approval of Lloyds TSB with 62.6 per cent of the shares. And Lloyds could be reluctant to surrender such an

important outlet to a rival. Hambros, the merchant bank, rose 9p to 266.5p, a year's high. Its quoted Hambro Countrywide estate agency

of the housing revival. But as the market closed it became apparent Hambros could face corporato activity. Regent Pacific, a Far Eastern group, has quietly put together a 3 per cent shareholding.

United News & Media climbed 17.5p to 722.5p, reflecting the heightened tension

flecting the heightened tension in the media industry and its decision to sell some of its local newspapers. Allied Domecq, up 15p to

466.5p, was the best performing hine chip, reflecting break-up hopes following the proposed sale of its remaining brewing interests. Peter Lucas at Crédit Lyonnais Laing said: The carrot of further action through demerger should sup-port the shares for the shortterm". Bass, which would

Whitehall clearance, a possibility that helped the shares
4.5p higher to 728.5p
Zeneca, up 17p to 1,520p.

got another whirl on reported Goldman Sachs support and renewed speculation about the cash resources of Roche, the giant Swiss group tipped to bid.

Utilities were ruffled by reports the Labour Party is due

to provide details of its "wind-fall" tax today; National Grid lost 3.5p to 177.5p. General Electric Co, engulfed in the furore over George Simpson's pay packet, fell 5.5p to 391p. Salomon Brothers believe the shares are worth 340p.
First Information, a soft-

ware developer, crashed 67.5p to 100p on a downbeat trading statement which spoke of a possible bid, Firecrest, the InTAKING STOCK

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Hanover International, the hotel group being created by Peter Eyles, former chief of the Norfolk Capital hotel chain, returned to market following the acquisition of six hotels for £40m. The shares, suspended at 10e snares, snspenned at 150p, traded at 130p against the 124p at which they were placed to belp fund the deal.

The six hotels were owned by an arm of Compagnie Bancaire, which repossessed the properties during the recession. Before the takeover Hanover, which came to market last year, had just one hotel, the Imperial at Cork.

☐John Tams, the dinnerware and mugs group, shaded to 59p, although Greig Middleton rates the shares, yielding 8.2 per cent, a buy. It sees profit climbing to £1.6m this year and just over £2m next.

continued yesterday, with Footsie climbing 13 points to recapture top brewing spot if ternet group, said Camelot expected trade figures, lower the Allied deal goes through, gained 5p to 843.5p. Whit-bread's Pelican restaurants ac-Corporation had sold its 10.5 interest rate hopes and re-newed takeover speculation kept the market on the uproad. chain is due to report interim a 3,918.7 peak. figures today. Its shares have per cent stake. The shares failed to keep up with the And last week the Office of moved ahead strongly on hopes it will be a big beneficiary quisition is expected to get Fair Trading improved the Lloyds Abbey Life caught the Prices are in starting except where stated. The yield is last year's dividend, grossed up by 20 per cert, as a percentage of the share price. The price/earnings (P/E) ratio is the share price divided by last year's samings per share, excluding exceptional terms.

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The row over "fat cat" salaries escalated last night when a leading member of the Greenbury committee set to curb excessive executive pay defended a controversial package that could net new GEC chief executive George Simpson £10m over the next five years.

Tim Melville-Ross, directorgeneral of the Institute of Directors, described the hostile reaction of most institutional investors, shareholders' groups

and opposition politicians to the deal as "totally unjustified".

"Very few people are capable of doing that kind of job," he said. "They are in much shorter supply than football stars and people doo't have a problem with people who play for Mancbester United so why should they have a problem paying a great deal of money to someone who is going to run a very large organisation, create thousands of jobs and boost

British industry?" His remarks are bound to canse embarrassment as the Greenbury committee he sat on ria to be agreed", his service specifically urged remunera- contract states.

TOM STEVENSON

The break-up of Hanson into

four separately quoted busi-

nesses will cost Lord Hanson's

conglomerate £95m in profes-

sional fees it emerged yesterday.

The posting of demerger doc-uments to shareholders con-

firmed what analysts have

expected for some time - the

total divideod will fall by about

Christopher Collins, vice-

chairman of Hanson, said in-

vestment banks stood to receive

about £20m of the total. The

group had previously said the professional fees involved in the

four-way split would be "con-

tainable" thanks to the in-house

expertise h had built up over 30

Rothschild. The spin-off of

Hanson's main adviser is NM

years of hostile takeovers.

a third after the split.

City Editor

Investment: Kalon painted into a comer **Economic View: Investment flows South Unit Trusts:** 

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## Fat cats row: Institute of Directors head says opposition to GEC chief's five-year package is totally unjustified

# Greenbury man backs Simpson's £10m pay

**PATRICK TOOHER** 

to the wider scene, including pay and employment conditions elsewhere in the company, es-pecially when determining annnal salary increases". Mr Melville-Ross's outburst

in a BBC radio interview last night came as GEC hunkered down to see out a storm of criticism that descended on the electronics giant after it emerged that Mr Simpson is set to become one of the highest paid di-rectors in the land when he takes over from Lord Weinstock to begin his three year contract in

"You may as well simply give somebody a bag of cash," said Anne Simpson of PIRC, the pay and pensions consultancy.

package are a "golden hello" of £500,000 on joining to compensate for leaving the incentive scheme at his previous employer, cogineering and aerospace group Lucas, and a profit-related bonus of up to 50 per cent on his basic salary of £600,000, dependent on "certain reasonable performance crite-

Hanson faces £95m

bill for breaking up

chemicals business, is in the

hands of Goldman Sachs, Paine

Webber and Merrill Lynch.

Next year Cazenove, Morgan

Stanley and Lazards will share

the fees for the splitting of the

Energy division from the rump

building material operations.

the proposed dividend pay-ments by Imperial and Millen-

nium and Hanson's shares

slipped just 1p to 161p yester-

day. Imperial said it would have

paid the equivalent of 2p per

Hanson share bad it been in-

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will be quoted only in New York.

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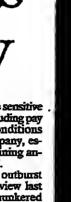
Hanson shareholders would be

The numbers confirmed an-

0.55p per Hanson share.

There were no surprises on

demerger of Millennium, the the main reasons for the sharp



a fortnight's time.

Included in Mr Simpson's



Troubled waters: George Simpson's £10m package, which includes a 'golden helio' of £500,000, has caused a stir

were reserved for a complicat-ed share options grant based oo £4.8m of shares - or eight times Mr Simpson's annual salary. The options can be exercised as long as GEC's share price beats the FT-SE 100 average by 10 per cent in any six months within a

specified three year period. There is no point in baving a performance criterioo which

underperformance of Hanson

shares since the demerger was

first mooted in January. Since

the announcement of the pro-

posed split, Hansoo's shares

have fallen from a high of

211.5p, underperforming the

Analysts' first reading of the

hefty documents was encour-

aging, with most thinking both

Imperial and Millennium were

likely to prove solid invest-

Shareholders will be asked to

approve the first two demerg-

ers at an extraordinary meeting

on 25 September, with first

dealings in Imperial in London

on 1 October and New York

trading of Millennium starting

Imperial said it would be fo-

cusing on overseas expansion

and hoped to generate a quar-

the following day.

market by almost a third.

But the strongest complaints over it at almost any point in the

Her criticisms were echoed

is such a low hurdle you can hop

company's programme," said Ms Simpson.

by Donald Botcher, chairman of the UK Shareholders Association, an independent body that lobbies for greater investor rights. "This gigantic package appears to fly in the face of the guidelines set by pay

"From first impressions the

performance requirements seem laughable," be said, The Association of British In-

surers confirmed it would examine the full details of the package to see if it breached its guidelines on share incentive schemes but said it was too early to say wbether it did.

Others expressed concern about GEC's lack of consultation with shareholders about Mr Simpson's pay package. "It is very

disclose the package at the time of the annual report," furned one leading fund manager. Adding to this sense of impotent rage, investors will be unable to vote oo the scheme at GEC's annual meeting on 6

September. They can only ap-prove Mr Simpson's appointment to the board.

Photograph: Financial Times

their own backs by insisting unfortunate it was not possible to GEC looked outside for a successor to Lord Weinstock obliging them to pay the going market rate.

"We recognise the importance of companies being flexible when it comes to rewarding new executives," a leading investor said.

The City was cautious, mark-However, institutions accepted they had made a rod for 385.5p.

# Widening rift over 'blue skies' threatens BA deal

CHRIS GODSMARK Business Correspondent

The US Government yesterday cast a further shadow over the planned alliance hetween British Airways and American Airlines, after officials intimated that the breakdown in UK-US talks aimed at securing an open skies agree-Lord Hanson; no surprises ment could be permanent.

The latest round of oegotiations, due to start in Washington yesterday, were postponed by the US team, who said a draft agreement drawn up by the UK Department of Transport was "miles away from a true open

skies" deal Yesterday the US insisted talks could not resume unless Britain substantially shifted its negotiating stance. "The ball is in their court," senior officials said. "This is not just a negotiating tactic. At the moment we are miles apart. We are on two different wavelengths," they Comment, page 19 added.

The open skies talks are aimed at liberalising airline traffic between the US and UK, which is tightly controlled under a hilateral treaty dating from the 1970s. The US has said it will not give the BA-American tie-up regulatory approval unless a deal is agreed, opening up access to Heathrow Airport,

the world's busiest. Today BA's chief executive. Bob Ayling, is expected to back the UK government's position. telling an industry conference in London that an agreement is still achievable, even with a step by step approach rather than the bonfire of controls ad-

vocated by the Americans. BA's official position is that the breakdown is "temporary" and "some complications were inevitable". However, the two companies, which would jointly control 60 per cent of UK-US flights, have insisted they must get regulatory approval by November to be ready to start com-

Yesterday's planned talks, at the suggestion of the British team, were due to discuss a mechanism to settle disputes over possible abuses of competition. US negotiators claimed the proposals, which ran into several pages including a detailed blueprint for a dispute resolution board, amounted to a side issue "of interest to the British, not to us".

The US insisted an open skies agreement must embody similar principles to the deal agreed with Germany earlier this year, with no Government interference over ticket prices or services. The US has also agreed such deals with the Netherlands and Canada. Apart from the dispute res-

olution panel there are understood to be "many" other areas of contention. The main disagreement is over the issue of so-called "beyond rights" giving US carriers the ability to fly on from Heathrow or Gatwick to

## Loss of £195m in WH **Smith** shake-up

NIGEL COPE

WH Smith confirmed its worst figures in its 204-year history vesterday and warned a recov cry would take time. Reporting a pre-tax loss of £195m in the year to June due to heavy restructuring charges, new chief executive Bill Cockburn said

current trading was "patchy". Strong sales of books, papers magazines and stationery products have been held back by weaker performances from music, videos and computer games which have been affected

by fewer quality releases. Mr Cockburn said that the Euro '96 feotball championships had not helped, robbing the shops of valuable trade on two Saturdays. The company also announced that Simon Burke, managing director of Smith's Virgin Our Price subsidiary, was leaving the group to run Virgin's retail and cinema business world-wide.

WH Smith's main problem remains its core high-street chain where profits fell 27 per cent on sales just 2 per ceot

Mr Cockburn, who joined the company from the Post Office in January, maintained that WH Smith still bad a place on UK high streets and would survive the onslaught from supermarkets and specialist retailers.

"Our brand name is instantly recognisable and I think it's got a lot of puff left in it. There is oo evideoce that the supermarkets are taking us to the

The figures received a cautious welcome in the City with most analysts saying the jury was still out oo the prospects for a WH Smith revival.

WH Smith recorded a pre-tax loss of £195m in the year to June compared with a £115m profit in the previous year. Group sales on continuing operations were marginally ahead at £2.7bn. The figures were scarred by £283m of exceptional items which were announced in June.

These related to the disposal of its half-share in the Do It All DIY chain to Books, the cost of 400 redundancies, stock writeoffs and other asset write-

WH Smith retail saw profits fall from £65m to £47.6m on sales of £927m. Like-for-like sales were up by just 2 per cent. Virgin Our Price increased profits from £1 tm to £16m following the opening of 20 new Virgin Megastores. Waterstone's, the hooksellers, increased profits by almost 50 per

cent to £12.8m. Investment in The Wall, the US music chain, will be suspended until an expected shakeup of the sector takes place. WH Smith shares fell 5.5p to 414p.

### reduced to between 6p and 8p after the split. The prospect of ter of its sales from foreign mar-kets compared with about half tobacco arm Imperial is being handled by Schroders and ABN Amro Hoare Govett, while the falling income has been one of as much currently. In the nine

PETER RODGERS

Financial Editor Regent Pacific, a Hong Kong investment group, yesterday appeared to be trying to put Hambros into play as a takeover target by disclosing a 3 per cent stake and mounting an attack on the board's performance. Jim Mellon, chairman of Regent Pacific, said in a written statement: "Hambros appears to us to be an undervalued and undermanaged enterprise. It could be said that the board is beautifully decorated but it seems that the company itself is in urgent need of repairs. We believe

that we will profit from an in-vestment in Hambros shares."

pens. Cyclically it seems like a good time to buy a stake." He

happen."
The statement attacking the board was sent to Sir Chips. Keswick, Hambros chief execotive, ahead of the announce-Sir Chips said Hambros did not know Regent or do any busi-ness with it, and neither did it

cent shareholder we look forward to meeting them," he. Regent Pacific has speot last year, a £14m buying shares in the meryesterday.

Source: FT Information

**Investor attacks Hambros** Mr Mellon said later: "We chant bank. The money came have bought an undervalued stock and we will see what hapment for clients.

A year ago Regent launched added: "Something has got to a successful hostile takeover bid for GT Chile, a £250m offshore fund manager, and it is engaged in a battle for control of Pioneer Industries, a holding company for a small 4.5 per cent stake in the giant Bangkok Bank of Thailand.

pleted a nine-month review of its long-term strategy, which was published in the annual report know Mr Mellon. "As a 3 per in July. Its shares have risen well above the low of 182p in June last year, adding 9p to 266.5p

Hambros has recently com-

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profits of \$842m.

Canary Wharf claimed another scalp in its long-running battle to peach financial institutions from their traditional stamping ground in the City. Citibank said yesterday it was to build a 500,000 sq ft beadquarters building in the Docklands office complex, joining BZW and Morgan Stanley, who have al-

Citibank had previously in-

dicated it was considering a

move to a site on the south bank

of the River Thames near Lon-

don Bridge. It is understood the

bank pulled out of those nego-

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£270m from sales of £2.8bn.

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over the London Bridge option, are expected to continue until October. No precise terms were given for the deal, in which the US's second-largest bank will ready made the move.

Gummer would sit on any plan-ning application due to the sensitivity of the river-side site. Negotiations with Canary Wharf, which is thought to have offered a price advantage

move 2,500 of its employees from its scattered London sites. The move is the latest success for the Docklands office development which collapsed into receivership four years ago but which now claims 80 per cent occupancy of the 4.5 million sq ft of space that was completed

ed the 13 million sq ft project.

The proposed Citibank office tower is the first meaningful new building to be erected in the scheme since its original developers, the Reichmann brothers from Canada, bought it back from the receivers. Building of the tower is expected to he completed within three years, by which time the Jubilee

Line extension will be complete. The tube link with the rest of London is being seen as the key development for the scheme. Selwyn Jones, property analyst at Credit Lyonnais, said the Londoo financial community could accommodate the City and Canary Wharf.

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# Citibank to build in Docklands Brewer balks at minimum wage

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

The level of minimum wage being demanded by many unions would cost the leisure industry £167m and lead to substantial ob losses, according to a leaked memorandum to the Labour Party from one of the sector's biggest companies.
The confidential document

pubs and food-retailing group, calculates a rate of £4.15 an hour would cost it more than £27m without restoring any differentials for higher paid employees. The report, A National Minimum Wage - A Whitbread Position Paper, claims that a statutory minimum wage would wreak havoc in remuneration and grading structures and on training. Whitbread added that the 3,000 jobs a year it creates would have to be cut and the

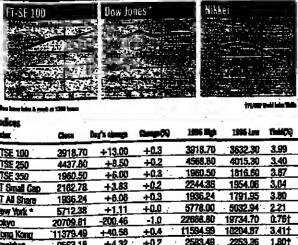
would be eroded and management grades eliminated. The company also said that premium rates for Sunday working would have to be cut and hours reduced. It calculates, however, that a rate of £3 an hour would bave a "negligible impact". The memo was sent to Labour by Whithread last September as part of the party's consultation process with employers.

Labour bas committed itself to the introduction of a legally backed minimum pay rate to be set by a Blair cabinet on the advice of a low pay commission. While the party is refusing to speculate on what the rate might be, it will come under considerable pressure at the TUC in a fortnight's time and at the party conference three weeks later to set a rate of half male median earnings. That from Whithread, the brewing, formula has given a figure of £4.15. but has been up-rated on the basis of fresh official figures to £4.26 an hour. Unions have launched a campaign to win £4 an hour for their lowest paid workers ahead of the election.

The Whithread paper says that basic hourly rates are "anachronistic". The company's pub and restaurant division pays its 27,000 staff through a mixture of profit-related pay, inceotive bonuses, free share career structure would be ownership, employee assistance destroyed. Pay differentials programmes, staff discounts and company pension schemes.

A spokesman for Whitbread said yesterday that it was difficult to speculate on the potential impact of a national minimum wage until legislation was drawn up. However, the company would continue to monitor developments in the area and emphasised that many other companies had responded to the Labour Party's request for an input from employers. 

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# France paints Kalon into corner

Mike Hennessey has done a decent job since taking the reins at Kalon in the late 1980s. From a small paint and wallpaper group valued at around £72m, it has grown into Europe's second-largest maker of decorative paints. But the deal that transformed the group last year is looking increasingly ill-umed. The £330m takeover of Euridep, the paint operations of French oil group Total, has run into a slowing French economy, made worse by a government struggling desperately to meet its Manstricht public spending criteria.

Yesterday's half-year figures to June hore the scars. Group profits soared 69 per cent to £19.6m hut most of the boost came from including Euridep for a full six months. In fact, underlying figures from the French operations were disappointing, growing from £5.4m to just £7.9m, despite the addition of £100m to turnover.

savings of around £3.9m from the merger in the first half, including £2.1m in France, another £4m has been put oo hold while the French courts decide on the legality of the group's rationalisation plans. Including the UK, where the merger of Euridep's Johnstone's Paints and Manders husinesses with Kalon is well up to speed, total merger benefits will still top the original forecast of £10m in a full year. But the expected further progress could be extended well into 1997.

Just as serious is the external eovironmeot across the Chanoel. Kalon reckons an unexpected 5 per cent dip in the French paints market cost it £5m in the first half and there is not much light at the end of the tunnel. With the unemployment rate at over 12 per cent,

consumer spending remains subdued. It was hardly surprising then that analysts were slicing profits forecasts from £47m to around £35m yesterday. But the damage to the shares was limited, with the price falling 8p to 125p.

There are reasons to be cheerful at Kalon. It has reversed a three-year decline in market share at Euridep, whose brands have strong market positions. There is no reason Mr Hennessey should not repeat the success of Novodec, the biggest private label paint maker in France acquired in 1993. Margins there have been built to 12 per cent, four times the Euridep level.

Meanwhile, there are grounds for some optimism in the UK. Helped by lower raw material costs, Kalon raised UK profits from £6.1m to £8.2m while weeding out parts of the unprofitable Johnstone's and Manders husiness, And a 7 per cent fall in volumes

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN cent, gross margins slipped by 1.3 points to 19.3 per cent in the period.

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KALON: AT A GLANCE

Market value: £445m, share price 125.5p

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shows signs of bottoming out, at least in the retail market. July was the best month of the year so far and August is going well. Overseas beyond France, interesting operations are emerging in Hungary, where Kalon's market-lead-ing position helped it to raise profits a fifth, and in Spain, where profits rose 56 per ceot. The potential is there, but, oo a forward rating of 20, the shares

### Stoves stands up to rivals' heat

Kalon faces a pincer movement in France. Although it squeezed cost Merseyside-based domestic cooker manufacturer Stoves have had a tremendous ruo, peaking at 304p earlier this year before coming off the boil somewhat.

Such outperformance is all the more remarkable given the backdrop of weak selling prices, particularly at the lower end of the appliance range, and fierce competition from far larger rivals such as Electrohux, Whiripool and

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Yesterday's figures suggest investors' faith in the company has not been misplaced. Pre-tax profits rose 42 per cent to £4.2m in the year to May 1996 oo turoover 29 per cent higher at £63m. Earnings per share were static at 14.2p as Stoves incurred an 18 per cent tax charge after unrelieved tax losses became fully utilised. A maiden full-year dividend of 5.2p will also be paid.

The figures hide a year of two halves.

Raw material price rises for steel, aluminium and plastics, which hit the firsthalf figures, have abated, while the adverse trading impact of last year's long, hot summer has not been repeated. Indeed, Stoves says the first two months of the current year have seen "considerable growth", helped in part by the pick-up in the housing market. So far growth has been managed well, with sales nearly trebling but staff numbers only doubling to just under 1,000 since the management buyout from Yale & Valor in 1989 and the

Stoves' main challenge is to prevent margin erosion. Although its share of the UK market rose from 13 to 16 per

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revival of the pre-war Stoves brand

despite the increase in sales. Stoves has also moved into unknown territory by taking over responsibility for after-sales service from retailers such as Currys and British Gas.

Stoves will also have to pay a full tax charge this year, limiting the expected advance in earnings per share to a pedestrian-looking 8 per cent. All of which makes the forward mul-

tiple of 17, based on house broker Kleinwort Benson's pre-tax profits forecast of £5.8m, difficult to justify. High enough.

### FKI hits the acquisition trail

Engineering group FKI is starting to deliver on broad hints dropped in June that it could have over £300m of acquisitions under its belt by the end of this year. Yesterday's £52.3m deal to acquire Nuova Marelli Motori of Italy is the thin end of that particular wedge, but FKI confirmed bigger buys of around £200m are still in the offing.

Nuova Marelli should keep the pot boiling. It is being acquired from two US investment funds and fulfils the FKI criterion of occupying a leading posi-tion in its markets. The company makes low-voltage electric motors and alternators, with applications including fork-lift trucks and lifts. It commands 14 per cent of the Italian market for its type of AC motors, just ahead of ABB, and a strong 32 per cent share of the alternators market.

That helped deliver underlying op-erating profits of L14bn (£5.9m) in 1995, on sales of L133bn (£56.5m), after adding back central costs. FKI says reorganisation costs should be no more than £1.5m in a full year, so there should be a marginal contribution this year, but the real benefits should come in 1997. Marelli neatly complements FKI's existing Laurence Scott business, whose motors and generators are aimed at slightly larger specialist applications such as in submarines and nuclear plants. By offering a bigger range and enhanced distribution from the two companies, while supplying more of the group's needs for motors in-house, FKI reckons it can increase

sales by around £8m a year.

The market was unimpressed, marking the shares down 0.5p to 187.5p, but FKI's caution on acquisitions is welcome. Full-year profits of £109m, for a formula of a ratio of 15 success the a forward p/e ratio of 15, suggests the shares are reasonable value.

# Lord Parkinson on-line for a new partnership

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

Lord Parkinson, he of the Sarah Keays affair, has just been made chairman of a Leeds-based Internet "access provider," Planet Online, owned by his pal Paul Sykes. Mr Sykes made his first fortune in scrap metal, and met Cecil in 1976 when he was chairman of Barnsley Conservatives. Lord Parkin-son tells the Yorkshire Post: "I suppose that although we never talked about it before, it was always in the back of our minds that one day we might work together." Lord Parkinson was a

chartered accountant and a businessman himself before he joined the Government in 1979, where he rose to be Transport Secretary.
"When Paul invited me to

become chairman, I thought about it and I was intrigued. It's an entry into a whole new world for me," he says. Mr Sykes and Lord Parkinson are whisking journalists to Paris in two weeks' time via Eurostar to announce a new global Internet partnership with another company. The beano will climax with lunch at La Coupole, one of

A no-holds-barred biography of controversial Carlton Communications boss Michael Green by the FT'a Ray Snoddy comes out on 9

Sadly, I will not be attending.

Paris's ritziest brasseries.

September, titled Greenfinger. When contacted for a reaction yesterday, one person in Mr Green's office said he was "in a meeting," while another said he was "out of the build-

Lord Parkinson: Heading to Paris for an Internet launch

close to the media mogul, the pr man said he had not read the 306-page tome. But, he added smoothly, people who had assured him that Snoddy's book was "tame - very tame". Snoddy himself is in Iceland, presumably avoiding the wrath of Mr Green.

Kalon Group managing director Mike Hennessy likes to boogy when he announces his results. This year's interims were headlined Keep on Running, which, Mr Hennessy claims, was a hit by Del Shannon in 1965.

In the same vein, last August's interims were headlined Even the Bad Times are Good, a Sixties hit by the Tremeloes. The finals were titled More than I can Say, a top 10 smash for Bobby Vee in 1965.

But hang on a minute. ing". Turning to a spin doctor | Surely Keep on Running was Howard Davies, deputy governor of the Bank of England and Manchester City fan, has urged his club not to make George Graham its next manager. Mr Graham was sacked as manager of Arsenal last year over the "transfer bung" affair, Speaking on Radio S, Mr Davies said: "I would prefer some-one who still had something to prove. I don't see why Man-chester should become a rehabilitation home for tarnished

managers. I'd rather have someone like Neil Warnock of Ply-

month, or Dave Bassett of Crystal Palace. I hope we don't go

for Graham but it looks as though it's moving that way."

sung by the Spencer Davies Group. Mr Hennessy must be confusing it with Del Shannon's record Runaway. Ashen-faced spokespeople

for Kalon confirmed last night that the Independent was right. No doubt Kalon will be making a suitable statement to the Stock Exchange.

M&G, the UK's biggest PEPs and unit trust group, has pro-moted Michael McLintock to succeed David Morgan as managing director. I'm sure Mr McLintrick is

good at his job - he got a first at Oxford in 1983 and then worked for Morgan Grenfell and Barings before joining M&G four years ago. What is galling, however, is his youth. Mr McLintock is a mere 35. An M&G spokeswoman

finds this reaction amusing: "If you met Mr McLintock you would be not at all surprised. He's been the obvious choice for the last two years."

So has he got any interesting hobbies? "He's very husiness focused. If you asked him about hobbles it would be a waste of your time."

Huh. Sounds like a right prig. "Oh no, he's very like-able." Worse and worse...

### THE INDEPENDENT

### GRAND PRIX '96 RACE SCHEDULE

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# The latest scores and results

unday's dramatic Belgian Grand Prix proved that speed alone is not enough to secure victory: a keen tactical mind and a line hit of luck come in useful as well. Michael Schumacher's perfectly timed pit-stop, while the field were circulating slowty behind the pace car following Jos Verstappen's accident, was the key to his win. Villeneuve, who is used to such tactics from the far more com-

mon use of the pace car in Indycar racing, wanted to pit at the same time, but radio problems prevented him from getting the message through to his crew in time, and he had to crawl round another lap. It cost him the race - but Dream Team managers with Villeneuve oo their strength need not despair: their man brought home as many points as Schumacher. Damon Hill had a rather subdued weekend, and thirteen points

is an uncharacteristically low Dream Team score for him; he is streets ahead in the total Dream Team standings, but is he beginning to lose his self-belief in the chase for the drivers' title in the real world? Jacques Villeneuve, the reigning Indycar champion, knows what it is like to win a title: that confidence may prove Away from the top two there were some useful performances

from hitherto unheralded drivers. Pedro Lamy lugged his Minardi around the Ardennes patiently to pick up nine Most Improved points. But it was his mechanics who were the real stars. The pit crew turned their man around faster than all the grander teams could manage to give him five Dream Team points for quickest pitstop. A magnificent effort by the little team from Facuza in Italy. one of grand prix motor racing's most likeable crews. But it was a truly dreadful weekend for the Swiss Sauber team.

and any Dream Team manager with a Sauber driver on board is looking at a minus score. Johnny Herbert is used to misfortune, but even he must have been surprised to be an applicable hairpin bend by his own team-mate. Heinz-Harald, go and stand in the corner. but even he must have been surprised to be sent flying at the first



### DRIVER OF THE DAY: MICHAEL SCHUMACHER

Relief at last for Dream Team managers who shelled out fortunes to retain the services of Michael Schumacher. The £25m man proved last weekend to be worth every penny with a performance of great cunning, speed and courage to hold off Jacques Villeneuve and win the Belgian Grand Prix worthy of the accolade of Driver of the Day. The courage was required to step back into his Fer-

rari after a gigantic accident in qualifying on Friday when he backed his car into a wall at around 130mph, breaking the steering wheel with his right knee. Speed is something that Schumacher has always had, but rarely has he looked as fast as he did on Sunday, locking the scarlet car's brakes, twitching it sideways lap after lap under acceleration down the hill away from the La Source hairpio, audibly flat-out through Eau Rouge, the most intimidating corner

in motor racing. But curning was required to defeat the faster Williams of Villeneuve, and chumacher is as wily as they come. An early pit-stop while the pace car was at was the key to an outstanding of the pace of Schumacher is as wily as they come. An early pit-stop while the pace car was out was the key to an outstanding victory.

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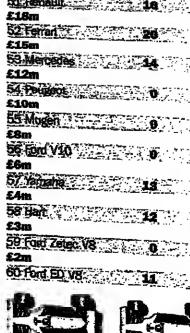
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# Throwing money at property will end in tears

It seems that only last week the pundits were calling the end of the property market cycle. Io a period of sustained low inflation, they told us, there would be no more of the crazy boom and bust that had plagued the industry for so long. Property, residential and commercial, would once again be a sensible but dull investment, somewhere to live or

work, not something to speculate on.

That looks like so much phooey this week, with the City and Docklands again flexing their muscles at each other, banks falling over themselves to lend on speculative developments, and rents in prime areas rising strongly once more. For a property developer these conditions are heaven. Before it ends in tears a few years from now some of them will have made their pile and cleared off to the south of France. But like

last time, most will end up losing their shirts. It all looks so familiar to those with a 10year memory. Kvaerner's ludicrous fantasy of huilding a 1,000 foot tower in the City, 25 per cent higher again than anything else in Britain, is compelling evidence that the big. swinging 1980s are back with a vengeance.

Canary Wharf's coup in securing Citibank, America's second-largest bank, to its less than half-completed Manhattan on the Thames is a serious blow to the City, however much the Corporation attempts to cover the loss with statesmanlike remarks about the two business districts fighting together to maintain London's pre-eminence as a financial centre in Europe.

building boom, the stakes are higher than ever in the ill-disguised scuffle to grab the highest-profile tenants. One or two more blue-chip banks making the move down river, coupled with the completion of the Jubilee Line in 18 months, and it could be an uphill struggle to persuade tenants to stay

in the congested, polluted City.

That said, the City has good reason to view the Citibank move with some equanimity. It has won the battle with English Heritage to sweep aside some of the sillier planning restrictions and there are now more cranes over the Square Mile than at any time since the last boom. Whether the banks' rush to throw money at developments, or the developers' willingness to accept the loans, will make any more sense this time around is a moot point. Uotil banks can think of anything else to throw their money at, and as long as developers continue to dream of 1,000 foot monuments, the property roller-coaster will be alive and well. And one thing

### Inward investors must look to Labour

is certain: it will all end badly.

One of the oddest things about politicians of all shades these days is their tendency to seek the blessing of "business" and "the City" for all they do and say. The voice of

The fact is that on the hrink of the next | sition or that. This is perhaps a good thing because if nothing else it indicates that politicians, whatever their party, have begun to take business and its views seriously once more. In truth, however, it's most of the time a disingenuous game; "business" has rarely

spoken with one voice on anything.

As we approach the election, the game gets more dishonest. Nissan's firm denial of a newspaper report that it would stop invest-ing in its Sunderland plant if a Labour Gov-ernment embraced the EU's Social Chapter, is a case in point.

Anybody who listens to what business people actually have to say, rather than the gloss Conservative Central Office and others want to put on it, would have spotted the implausibility of the report in the first place. Of course the business community is not keen on the idea of the Social Chapter, just as it is not keen on the national minumum wage. Both would mean more cost and less

But for a fureign investor like Nissan, the Social Chapter is a minor issue. The key Euro-question is not whether Britain falls into line with the other EU countries on social standards, many of which big companies aiready satisfy. It is whether or not we

stay out of the single currency.
On this issue multinationals will be far more wary about a Tory government than a to opt out of the single currency would lead to gradual exclusion from European mar-

This is something which Kenneth Clarke, politician well attuned to the needs of business, has stressed many times in his robust defence of the need to keep UK options on the single currency open. Labour is much more likely than a Tory government to join the single currency – although it has sensibly made few commitments on this front. It will also be much better placed to negotiate a reasonable deal for Britain in the event

that we stay out. Having squandered the community's goodwill towards Britain for the sake of ippeasing his Euro-sceptic guerillas, Mr Major is in a pretty much hopeless, no-win position on this front. For inward investors at least. Labour looks a better bet than the

### **Identity crisis** at WH Smith

Eight months into the chief executive's job at that great retail under-seniever, WH Smith, and Bill Cockburn is sticking to his script. The obvious horrors in Smith's closet have already been shaken, rattled and sold. Do It All, the real nightmare, has gone. The hlosted head office has been cut down and So far, the City has applauded the aggressive shake-up, marking the shares sharply higher. But the jury is still out on longer term prospects for a WH Smith recovery.

The nub of the problem is still the core WH Smith chain. Beset all around by compentors such as supermarkets and specialist chains, it is struggling to develop its own identity and struggling to drive sales and margins higher.

The chain faces something of an identity crisis. What is WH Smith and what does it stand for? If it is a kind of mini- department store, with an unparallelled range, then it is risking its reputation by cutting its product lines by 29 per cent.

If it wants to compete on price, it will have to cut its already thin margins, a course it will be unwilling to follow.

If it is a convenience store, then good old Smiths will have to go back to selling eiggies

For all this, WH Smith remains one of the best known and most trusted brand names on the British high street. Only Marks & Spencer and Boots rank higher. It has an army of 7.5 million customers and a powerful position in sectors such as children's school supplies and Christmas gifts. With the new school year starting next week, sales should

be going like a train.

Mr Cockburn ought to be able to do someseek the blessing of "business" and "the Labour ooe. The great success story of hloated head office has been cut down and thing with such an enviable position, even if his predecessors could not. But it looks like ing management have been stripped out.

# Twins accept Lloyd's plan despite 'betrayal'

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

Two thorns in the side of the Lloyd's insurance market, the Identical twins Peter and Colin Vine, yesterday said they had reluctantly accepted the rescue offer which closed yesterday for

The 80-year-old twins became a couse célèbre in summer because their case demonstrated that Lloyd's £3.2bn rescue plan was treating members who paid their debts on time far worse than those who dug in their heels and refused.

Colin, the hrother who paid, against the offer, which now has the support of enough names to proceed after a meeting of the Lloyd's ruling council today.

But Lloyd's still risks a prolonged fight with as many as 3,000 of its 34,000 members who had not, by yesterday after-

noon, accepted the £3.2bn res-

per cent of the membership had accepted, and it said the proportion of the 2,700 American members who had voted in favour had risen from 53 per ceot to 66.7 per ceot since Tuesday. This was after a rush of acceptances from America in the wake of a US appeal court ruling on Tuesday that cleared the last secious obstacle to the rescue. American members have been given an extension of the deadline so the 90.2 per cent

The Vine twins said they had was left £123,000 worse off by no alternative but to accept the the rescue than Peter, the broth-er who refused. They are among same time in the 1960s and quit a large oumber of angry oames active underwriting in 1990, who appear to have decided in and they were also members of the past few days not to hold out the same syndicates. But Colin ments to raise cash and bring his into trouble.

Lloyd's announced that 90.2

had lodged with them. total could rise further.

Vine sold property and investpayments to Lloyd's up to date after the Outhwaite syndicates to which he belonged got deeply

Peter Vine refused to pay any oew money to Lloyd's after the

Outhwaite disaster and instead solution with "some semblance forced the market authorities to of justice or fairness."

draw down on the deposits he Colin Vine said: "I have acdraw down on the deposits he

The detailed documents sent by Lloyd's last month to the two brothers showed that as a result of his intransigence Peter will be much better off than his brother, who supported the market through thick and thin. Peter Vine said he was due to pay £275,000 in final settlement of his account at Lloyd's but Colin Vine must pay £398,000. Peter Vine said: "We are very said about it because in my opinion what Lloyd's has done to the names who have supported it compares to the betrayal at

the Last Supper: Judas Iscari-ot didn't do better than this." He added that the people who had saved Lloyd's should be compensated for what they said pressure should be put oo Lloyd's after the settlement went through to find some

money to put right the wrong. Peter Vine said he had nev-

cepted because I have no other choice." If he refused, he would lose another £87,000, which he said amounted to hlackmail. Of Lloyd's, he said: "You can't trust them as far as you can throw a battleship."

The tax bill if he was forced to sell his investments oow to pay the full debt would have wiped me out, but fortunately friends and family have ralhed round. If it hadn't been for friends and family I would have been in a pretty bad way."

A letter from David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, suggested Colin Vine would benefit from heln under Tranche 4 of the rescue plan, but he had already been told by other Lloyd's officials that he would get none. did, not savaged for it, and he Furthermore, the final offer from Lloyd's was nearly £90,000 worse than the provisional assessment he received in March.

Some names confirmed their intention to refuse. To hell with er wanted to see Lloyd's it - I'm not going to accept," wrecked but he had wanted a said Alfred Doll-Steinberg.



Winners and losers: Brothers Colin and Peter Vine demonstrated the conflicting way Lloyd's treated its members

### IN BRIEF

 Nasdaq, America's second-largest stock market, has been ordered by the Securities and Exchange Commission to end hid-den privileges offered to major traders and begin giving equal access to individual investors. The SEC unanimously adopted new rules to reform order-handling procedures on the American exchanges and in particular on the technology-heavy Nasdaq. The changes will ensure that individual investors will be able to compete directly with dealers and institutional customers and be quoted the same prices for stocks. In a practice that has helped boost dealers' profits, until now individuals have often bought at higher prices than those made available to professional traders.

• Ciba-Geigy and Sandoz, the Swiss drug companies that plan to merge and form Novartis, said first-half net profit rose 6 per cent and 12 per cent respectively, lagging rival Roche Holding's increase. Net profit at Ciba rose to SFr 1.56bo (£840m) from SFr 1.5 billico francs, while Sandoz's earnings rose to SFr 1.241bn francs from SFr 1.112bn. Analysts said they were expecting profit increases of between 10 and 15 per cent.

 Production at France's factories unexpectedly rose 0.5 per cent in June, with a 5 per cent jump in car output offsetting a decline in consumer goods, the government said. In the quarter through June, manufacturing output rose 0.4 per cent from the first quar-ter, after the April and May figures were revised upward. Compared with the second quarter of 1995, manufacturing output fell 0.6 per cent, said the national statistics institute Insec. Bloomberg

 Provident Financial, the door-to-door personal loans and insurance company, yesterday announced a 16 per cent rise in first-half pre-tax profits to £47.5m. The company said a perfor-mance-related commission scheme for its 9,600 agents was reducing bad debt. Customer numbers were more than 1.2 million. Provident's insurance division, specialising in third-party cover, recorded a £1.6m drop in profits to £5.3m. Provident attributed if this to its refusal to join the premium-cutting war.

 Stagecoach, the Perth-based bus and train operator, said it was on course to sign an agreement next week for the purchase of the state-owned Swebus, Scandinavia's largest bus group, in a deal expected to worth up to £150m. Keith Cochrane, finance director, said confidentiality agreements prevented him commenting on the price, but added: "Negotiations and due diligence are progressing well and we expect to complete the transaction next week at some stage." Separately, Stagecoach said the £476m acquisi-tion of Porterbrook, a rail car leasing company, had gone unconditional after shareholders accepted its offer. Negotiations are continuing over a £90m train order from Porterbrook for South West Trains, a railway operator franchised to Stagecoach.

• Unigate has agreed to sell the remaining part of its US restaurants business, Casa Bonita, to CKE Restaurants for \$42m (£27.1m). Operating profit at Casa Bonita for the year to March 1996 was \$4.6m. Estimated net assets are \$26.4m.

 Cruden Bay proposes to buy Kenton Utilities & Developments, a supplier of mechanical and civil engineering services, for up to £21.4m, which will be financed principally by a £17m placing and

• M&G Group said Sir David Money-Coutts would retire as non-executive chairman after the AGM in January. He will be succeeded by David Morgan, managing director, Michael McLintock, joint managing director of M&G Investment Management, will succeed Mr Morgan as managing director of M&G Group.

 Whithread said it had claimed about 81.4 per cent of the shares in Pelican Group, making its offer unconditional as to acceptances. By the first closing date yesterday, Whitbread had acceptances from holders of 67.7 per cent of Pelican and had bought a 13.7

## Surge in exports gives a trade balance boost to Government

DIANE COYLE **Economics Editor** 

Surging exports helped trim Britain's trade deficit in July, suggesting that another piece of the economic jigsaw is looking favourable for the Government. "Contrary to popular per-

ception, export volumes are picking up," said Kevin Dar-lington, an economist at City rokers Hoare Govett. Stronger consumer spend-ing had not led to the expected increase in imports, he added. So far, faster spending growth has fuelled neither inflation

nor imports. The improvement in exports reported in yesterday's official figures provides the first confirmation of recent industry surveys indicating better ex-

port orders.
The latest CBI survey indicated a sharp improvement in nanufacturers' optimism about future exports, despite the ap-parent weakness of key markets in Europe.

The gap between exports of in June. It had been expected goods to and imports from to widen because previously non-EU countries halved in July, falling to £506m. This was the smallest deficit since May 1995. The underlying balance, excluding oil and erratic items such as aircraft and precious stones, improved equally sharply, falling from £794m to

goods with the rest of the world was almost unchanged at £1.1bu



published figures showed a sharp rise in the deficit with non-EU countries that month The overall deficit for the first half of the year was £7.1bn, not too far out of line with the Treasury's recent forecast of £13.5bn

The shortfall in trade in trend remained flat. The jump in exports to non-EU countries in July, at 8.7 per cent, was the highest since mid-1993. North America and Eu-

ropean countries outside the EU accounted for most of the improvement during the month. The less volatile figure for the three months to June showed a 5 per cent increase in the underlying value of exports compared with a 1 per cent increase in import values.

for 1996 as a whole. The Office

for National Statistics said the

The volume trends were equally favourable, with exports up 3.5 per cent in the three months to July compared with a 0.5 per cent increase in im-

The overhang of excess stocks in industry has helped to subdue import growth, offset-ting the normal impact of higher consumer spending on trade.

Jonathan Loynes, an economist at HSBC Markets, said: These figures should lay to rest any immediate concerns that the recent pick-up in domestic demand - and in particular con-sumer activity - will have an adverse impact on the trade bal-

ance." A spokesman for the Treasury said: The figures continue to demonstrate strong export

However, Labour focused on the small increase in the whole world trade deficit in

Shadow Treasury chief secretary Alistair Darling said: "This worsening trade gap con-firms the underlying imbalance in the UK economy.

"Britain has too small a mannfacturing base to sustain growth without a persistent

## Johnston to press on with expansion

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Johnston Press, the rapidly growing newspaper group, remains committed to expanding further in the rapidly consolidating regional market, despite the £205m acquisition of Emap's 65 titles announced

earlier this year. We expect further consolidation, and we are always looking for opportunities," Tim Bowdler, managing director, said yesterday, announcing the group's interim profits.

He added that the Emap acquisition, finalised on 1 July, was already being integrated into the group and that none of the tides would be closed or sold.

Despite the commitment to growth by acquisition, Mr Bowdler warned: "We will only do what we can afford to do, and we will not be going back to our shareholders." The Emap purchase was largely financed by a rights issue. He added that the company would acquire titles in

southern newspapers put up for sale on Tuesday by United News & Media

In additional to small indepeodent groups, several midranking newspaper companies, including Portsmouth and Sunderland and Southern Newspapers, may sooo be on the block, analysts believe.

Yesterday's interims from Johnston, the last set of results before it begins to consolidate the Emap titles, saw pre-tax profits rise 55 per cent to £12.6m, including exceptional gains on the sale of Bury Press to rival Newsquest in the period. Underlying profit growth was about 10 per cent, with operating margins ahead two points to 26 per cent.

Mr Bowdler said the period had been "patchy," and that advertising revenue had been dull, with volumes up just 2 per cent and revenues up 4.9 per cent.
A disappointing result from

the bookselling division had been expected, due to the collanse last year of the Net Book areas that fitted geographically, and all but ruled out buying the chases by local libraries. Agreement and a decline in pur-

### Midlands Electricity to supply residential gas

CHRIS GODSMARK **Business Correspondent** 

Midlands Electricity, which was taken over earlier this year by two US utility groups in a £1.80m

deal, is to launch an assault on the residential gas market. Midlands was one of the first regional electricity companies to pile into the industrial gas business in 1992 with its subsidiary, Midlands Gas, which currently has around 10,000 customers.

However Midlands, which has 2.2 million electricity customers, currently under way for 500,000 homes in the South-west. Managers are still finalising details of their plan, which will

Midland's area in the second stage of the competition trial due to take place next year in other parts of the South of England. Full competition for all households is planned by the gas watchdog, Oigas, for 1998.
Other regional electricity
firms, including Sweb and Eastem, are already supplying gas to

households in the Devon and Cornwall trial, though they found it harder to persuade people to move from British Gas than some observers had predicted. Midlands will also face decided not to take part in the stiff competition from oil and gas trial of domestic competition companies, including Total, which has a joint gas marketing venture with London Electricity.

The news emerged as Midlands announced the retirement of its chairman, Bryan be formally announced in the next couple of weeks. It could Townsend. He will be replaced begin by marketing gas outside from September by James Leva. 

### Virgin ads anger financial advisers

NIC CICUTTI

A row has broken out between Virgin Direct, the financial services firm owned by cola-to-airline tycoon Richard Branson, and independent financial advisers, who claim they are being unfairly vilitied in Virgin's

advertisements. IFA Promotion, a body which promotes the use of independent advisers, has written to the Advertising Standards Authority, complaining that Virgin's ads breach the ASA code of practice. In particular, IFA Promotion objects to Virgin's claims that it gives "value for money" because it has nothing to do with salesmen or com-

Robert Browne-Clayton, the IFA body's chief executive, said: "We are unhappy about a num- for comment.

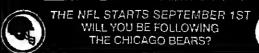
ber of claims made in Virgin Direct's advertising. However, the crux of our argument is that people who are considering life

insurance oeed advice." Martin Campbell, product development manager at Virgin Direct, said: "It is ironic that we should be attacked by IFA Promotion when we give its number to hundreds of customers who need advice about a product in an area we do not cover.

"Its attack on us is out of date. We have moved away from the argument about commissions and on to more positive arguments about our products. The point we have been trying to make is that if the insurance industry did its joh properly millions of people would be better protected than they are today." The ASA was unavailable

# THE INDEPENDENT

This Saturday The Independent Magazine publishes a 16 page Essential Guide to American Football in association with the NFL



## business

# Where investment outweighs trade in free markets

here used to be no ambiguity about it. From colonial times until about 10 years ago the links between the developed economies and the developing ones - "North" and "South" - consisted of a straight-forward spillover. Good times in the North made for good times in the South too, and vice versa, so dependent were the poorer countries on exports to the richer ones.

But times have changed. Not only are there more "reverse linkages" from the economies of the South to the exporters of the North, but the newly industrialising countries have actually shed their dependence on the pace of growth in the industrial world. So concludes a new working paper from the International Mon-

etary Fund\*. The most interesting aspect of the new research, however, is its analysis of why the links bave changed. For it highlights an important change in the nature of trade, which has changed the meaning of free trade and the politics of free trade versus protectionism.

The synchronisation of Northern recession with slower Southern growth appears to have broken down in the late 1980s. Although this is too recent to draw firm conclusions, there seems to have been a structural change in the economies of the developing world, and mainly in South-east Asia. Northern growth bas begun to depend on economic expansion in the South. According to the IMF, growth in the North would have been about half a point lower if Asia's GDP growth had remained constant in the early 1990s rather than climbing from below 6 to above 8 per cent.

The paper puts forward three re-



### **ECONOMIC VIEW** DIANE COYLE

These are trade liberalisation and other structural reforms introduced by the region's most successful economies, their increasingly diversified exports and a huge increase in capital inflows. The first two are fairly obvious.

Liberalisation has both belped improve productivity growth and made emerging financial markets more attractive to overseas investors. Diversification away from commodities and limited ranges of manufactured

export base in a relatively short time.
This investment directly helps explain the rapid growth in some developing countries during the early 1990s. Increased direct investment

companies has grown far faster than exports and imports, as the chart shows. An article in the latest issue of goods has made the economies less vulnerable to the business cycle in operation and Development's magathe Organisation for Economic Co-

### Obstacles to foreign companies doing business on equal terms are pervasive

Interest Rates

developed country markets. Yet it is the third, the increase in overseas investment, which is the most significant. Capital flows from North to South have risen dramatically since the late 1980s, with the increase in their value far outweighing the growth in the value of trade over the same time. For the first time, a large proportion of this investment consists of private capital. Much of it, whether direct or portfolio investment, reflects the deliberate diversification by international investors outside their own slow-growing economies. The foreign direct investment, in particular, has d a broader

zine argues that it is the growth of investment rather than trade as the international means of doing business which characterises "globalisation". It goes on to point out that the notion of market access, fundamental to free trade and enshrined in international trade agreements, needs to change in scope. It needs to include the freedom to set up business on equal terms within a country's borders as well as the freedom to ship goods across the borders. "The promotion of such neutrality between trade and investment - access and presence - as a means of doing business marks the realisation that they have become in- retical case for free trade - that all herently complementary means of contesting markets."

The OECD is drawing up a "multilateral agreement on investment" to try to set the ground rules for free trade when investment rather then exports and imports becomes the means of access to overseas markets. It is due to present a draft to minis-

ters next May.

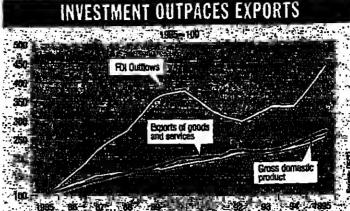
However, obstacles to foreign companies doing business on equal terms are pervasive and often deeply embedded in the host country's culture. It is enough to list the sorts of factors that unlevel the playing field to see how difficult the levelling might be tax systems, labour and en-vironmental standards, industrial, competition policy.

The difficulties are reinforced by the growing importance of services as opposed to goods in conventional trade. For example, trade in cross-bor-der engineering consultancy services is to be liberalised under the General Agreement on Services. To be effective, it ought to be accompanied by bberalisation in government pro-curement, mutual recognition of professional licensing regimes, deregulation of temporary entry for per-sonnel and the duty-free entry of the

software and equipment they need.
The OECD concludes that the
momentum towards free trade in a world where services and investment are more important will prove a real test of governments' commitment to

In fact, the changing nature of international linkages sharpens the classic dilemmas posed by progress towards free trade. These are ac-knowledged in a new history of free trade by free-market Chicago pro-fessor Douglas Irwin\*\*. The theotrade - overlooks the likelihood

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Indian sweatshop: International labour standards have become a new battleground for protectionists Photograph: Dieter Ludwig

that within countries there will be winners and losers. It also ignores the fact that some countries can shift the terms of trade in their favour - raise the price their exports command overseas - by restricting trade. Free trade redistributes between countries as well as within them, even if one nation's gain from protection would be dwarfed by other countries' losses.

There is clearly a line of thought in some industrial countries that restricting the new forms of trade - say, the location of programming services in India by companies from a country advanced in the computer industry—will prevent unwanted redistribution of one kind or the other. High programming costs would favour the dozen countries with a significant software industry. Slower overseas investment could preserve manufacturing jobs in the North.

Those who support these arguments tend also to make labour and environmental standards a battle-ground. Nobody thinks child or slave labour is acceptable, but it is those of a protectionst inclination who want to acceptable. who want to use multilateral trade agreements to outlaw it. Some multinationals are in hot wa-

ter in the US for using Third World factories perceived to be exploitative – such as Nike, which imports its running shoes from Indonesia. These areas, along with tax and competition policy, will prove the thorniest issues in international economic relations during the next decade. But the scale of foreign direct investment in the South suggests the tide is already too strong to be held back.
\* Have North-South Growth Linkages
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Racing's rule-making body has not yet resorted to capital punishment, but in handing out a 21-day ban to Weaver for irresponsible riding its justice mirrors that of the state in as much as terms such as tottedup penalty points and sus-pended sentences have now eotered racing's vernacular.

Weaver's ban came after he was reported to Jockey Chib headqoarters at Portmao procedure, introduced by the Cluh earlier this year. His mis-Square by the local stewards at

riding wheo finishing third on Sonderise at the West Yorkshire track 11 days ago, was his second such offence this season and his fourth offence in total following two bans for careless

Five days of his new sentence have been suspended until 1 January, 1997, meaning that the 24-year-old will be off the course from this Saturday until Wednesday, 18 September. He will miss the St Leger, the season's final Classic, and the ride oo Double Trigger, whom he has partnered in 16 of his 17 races, in the Doncaster Cup. That mount has been offered to

Frankie Dettori, himself no

stranger to the stewards this sea-

have sidelined their ambitions. Weaver, with 110 winners, lies in fourth place in the jockeys' list, 30 behind the leader, Pat Eddery. Dettori is in seventh place with 74 wins. Despite this latest setback,

Weaver accepted the Jockey RICHARD EDMONDSON

NAP: The Gallopin major (Sedgefield 4.40) NB: Amazing Bay (Lingfield 4.00) Club's decision with refreshing

grace. "I had a fair hearing. Rules are rules," he said. "The part of my ban which is suspended for four months is usully deferred for six months but the stewards took into account my previous record as a jockey."

Under the totting-up procedure a jockey faces a mini-mum 14 days suspension if he place with the dead-heating L is found guilty by the disciplinary committee. Weaver's ridjoint runners-up. The disciplinary committee's decision completed a Hills faming at Pontefract was therefore deemed itself to be worthy of a seven-day ban, although he will

further offences this year. That the modern Jockey Club is hardly staffed with hanging judges was illustrated later in the day when the en-treaties of Richard Hills were heeded by the Cluh's disciplinary committee. It quashed a four-day suspension for the rider and reinstated a winner.

only serve two days if he avoids

Hills had been found guilty of irresponsible riding on War-dara by the local stewards at Yarmouth last Thursday and was demoted from first to last. Yesterday the interference was deemed accidental. War-

dara was reinstated to first

A Touch, her stablemate, and Merrie Le Bow confirmed as

ily double of successful appeals. Last month, Richard's twin brother, Michael, had faced missing the winning ride oo Pentire in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes through suspension but had his ban reduced by the committee. Wardara's trainer, Chris Dwyer, had been confident that Hills's powers of persuasion would apply equally forcefully in the committee room as in the

"I thought it was odds-on that Wardara would be reinstated and Richard would have his ban lifted," he said. "At the time 1 told the Yarmouth stewards they had made a dreadful mis-

last decade, has been put down

at the age of 17. The winner of

the Queen Mother Champion

Chase in 1987 and 1988, is one

of a select band to have won at

the Cheltenham Festival three

Top two-miler Pearlyman

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Weaver: misses St Leger

take. The horses didn't actually touch, although they may have brushed, Richard rode a brilliant race, easing out behind the leaders to challenge.

Unfortunately L A Touch, who shared the dead-heat and originally got the race, is no longer with me. His owner was upset about the result on the day, even though his horse shared first prize money. I think he wasn't pleased that I ran two in the race."

### **Dushyantor** is Leger favourite The home straight in the 1996 Flat season came into view yes-

terday with entries announced for many of the biggest races of the autumn months. Chief among those tests is the St Leger, the prize-money for which could decide the destination of the trainers' champi-

Henry Cecil and Saeed bin Suroor hold five of the 21 Leger entries for the Leger. The pair, servants past and present to Sheikh Mohammed's racing empire, are separated by a lit-tle over £40,000 in the race for the title, some £300,000 clear of third-placed Mark Johnston.

Cecil, who has won the Leger four times, is three-handed for the £225,000 Pertempssponsored Classic, with the Oaks winner Lady Carla, Derby second Dushyantor and the

progressive Flying Legend.
Bin Suroor, responsible for
last year's winner, Classic
Cliche, has Pricket, second to Lady Carla at Epsom, and the Pearlyman, one of the outing an injury when attempting standing two-mile chasers of the a third Queen Mother victory March Stakes winner. Sharaf Kabeer, fined up for the race.
"Sharaf Kabeer has still got

John Edwards, who trained a lot to prove but we were very Pearlyman for his Cheltenham pleased with him at the weekwins, paid tribute to the bay: end and he is an intended St "He was a wonderful horse Leger runner," Godolphin's spokesman, Simon Crisford, said. "We will make a decision and a great servant. He won at the Festival three years running and would have made it five if on Pricket next week."

Peter Chapple-Hyam holds five entries, with Chief Contender. Desert Boy, Heroo Island, High Baroque and

stand their ground include Der-mot Weld's Queen's Vase victor Gordi, John Gosden's Derhy third Shantou and Michael Stoute's Clerkenwell, winner of York's Ebor Handicap last Wednesday.

But it is Cecil's Dushyantor that heads the betting market. with Ladbrokes making the colt the 3-1 favourite for the race, "Dushyantor ran on with such purpose in the Derby that the Si Leger looked the obvious target even then," the firm's spokesman, Ed Nicholson, said. The deadline for supplementary entries, made at a cost of £18,000, falls on 7 Septem-

ST LEGER (Doncasser, 1.4 September), Entries: Chief Contender, Cierkenwell, Desert Boy, Double Leof, Dushyantor, Flying Legend, Gord, Heron Island, High Buroque, Jack Jennings, Mongol Wamor, Mons, Samrain, Shantou, Sharaf Kobeer, Sparan Heartbeat, Si Mawes, Wilowander, Camporese, Lady Carla, Pricket.

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Infast £68,28. Trio: £24,30, 4.50; 1. LA BELLE DOMENROUE (S Sancies) 13-2; 2. Imposing Time 9-4 fav; 3. Another Benchworth 9-2; 7 ram, 2, ½, 5. Kright, Taunton). Total: £7.50; £3.80, £2,10. Dual Forecast: £6.10, CSF: £20.07.

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Pincepot: £15.20. Quadpot: £7.30. Pince 6: £9.89. Pince 6: £5.05.

## Whitbread call time on the Mackeson

li still looks good, tastes good and maybe even does yoo good, hut Mackesoo is oo longer good enough to be associated with the handicap chase that is chase has been run since its inthe traditional curtain-raiser to ception in 1960, will onw be the National Himt season each moved to one of the supporting November. The much trendier Irish stout Murphy's is to replace its less fashionable stahlemate as the name attached this one is not caused by a spon-

to the Cheltenham race. With Irish theme pubs re-placing the traditional English bread, said. "On the contrary, boozer at every corner, Mur-phy's is outselling Mackeson by sponsor, we remain totally comphy's is outselling Mackeson by the bucketload to the thimble, prompting Whitbread, which

2.30 Pleasureland

3.30 Kennemara Star (nb)

3.00 Sword Arm

bouses both beers, into the change. Mackeson, under whose ban-

ner the two-and-a-half mile races on the card.

"Unlike most other big-race name changes over the years, sor pulling out," Jeremy Wilton, mitted to the sport."

The decline in sales of Mack-

\_\_\_Pot Eddery 5

4.00 POND EMBRACE (nap)

HYPERION

GOING: All-weather track - standard; Turf - good.

STALLS: All-weather - braide; Turf (straight course) - standardide; 1 m 3f 100yri - countde.

DEAW ADVANTAGE: On turf, high for to 7f 140yris; Equitrack; low in sprints.

Equitrack all-weather surface; left-hand, sharp undulating course.

Course is SE of town on B2028. Lingüeld station (served by London, Victocia) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Members £13, Tastersulis £9; Silver Ring 55. CAR PARCE Club

ELEADING TRAINERS WITH RINNERS: Lord Huntingdon. — 48 winners from 221 movers gives a success ratio of 22.2% and a profit to a 5.1 level stake of £5.04; R. Hunton. — 46 winners, 336 runners, 13.7%, -£42.17; A. Moore. — 44 winners, 450 runners, 0.87%, -£48.25; M. Johnston. — 42 winners, 257 runners, 16.3%, -£28.10.

ELEADING DOCKLER: Detugri. — 96 winners, 343 titles, 343, 455.26. Cockrame, 73 winners, 444 tribes. 18%, +556.45.1 Weener. — 72 winners, 365 titles, 20.3%.

BLINEERED PIRST TIME: Castle House (2.00); Village King (4.20); Rocky Waters (vi-

SUMMERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE NOON, VALUE AND LONG AND LONG AS SEVEN BASE FOR A MADE TO BE A MADE BY A LONG DESTANCE RUNNIERS: Frank Anadysmacy (2.30) & Seed Mad Bed (3.30) have been sent 270 miles by Molinians from Hiddleham, N Yorke, Lucky Farker (4.00) and 268 piles by J Berry from Cockectain, Lanca.

2.00 HEINEKEN CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 210 of Penalty Value £2,643

- 8 discissed -BETTHIS: 9-4 Doory, 7-2 Summer Mirotle, 4-1 Genners Glory, 9-2 Specifing Edge, 10-1 Resolve Evide 47-1

1996: Little Neigen 2 8 6 i Stack 5-2 (7 Dwyer) 11. not PORM GUIDE.

DOWRY has been disappointing but might be worth one more chance back in a claimer after a length second behind Nirth Symphony in a number of Normantest in July and finishing down the field in a similar race against Mistar Pink at the Same track, Downy was also number-up behind Without Priends (who was winning for the third time) at Chepstow on her only strength from the subsequently disqualified Without Priends at Goodwood in June — Castille House is remote fifth. Mick Chance is a length. Reselve Sable got home by three perts of a length from the subsequently disqualified Without Priends at Goodwood in June — Castille House is remote fifth. Mick Chance of a higher threats may be Gessners Stery, They were both five-futing races and he will be suited by this isk. Spertilling Edge, bought out of Actingry Jones's stable for 5,000 gins after springing a 16-1 surprise on her debut at Folkestone has weeke, will progress from the expirence and Jo Humann, who has riction 10 winners, takes of 7th. Summer Rheatin, where of a three-name Nottingham claimer in July, finished a long way last of seven to Masterstoke at Laicester rest time but and could manage only fifty of seven to Kalser Kaches in a Windsor nursery 10 days egy.

2.30 LABATTS HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 3YO 2m (AW)
Penelty Value £2,738

3.00 H P BULMERS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV I) £4,250

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A fair fourth to Ourness on his introduction at Salisbury (7f) two weeks ago, running on well towards the firsts, SWOED ARRA wal know more about the genre this time and, with the towards the firsts, SWOED ARRA wal know more about the genre this time and, with the towards towards to a sent as the way home here. Barteness Saude is another centain slightly longer trip to suit, can lead the way home here. Barteness Saude is another centain slightly longer trip to suit, can lead the way home here a tartly start and was not given a purport filler weeks ago. He made ground a halfway either a tartly start and was not given a purport filler weeks ago. He made ground a halfway either a tartly start and was not given a purport filler and when the protection. The Queen's Petrol, a 25,000gms Petrol, Skielection; SWOFD ARM has the uniqueed in both her starts but will improve.

3.30) H P BULMERS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV II) £4,250

added 2YO 71 140yds Penalty Value £3,174

added 2YO 7f 140yds Penalty Value £3,204

Sobie, 12-1 Hopparetta, 16-1 offices 1995: Latie Magges 2 & 6 J Stack 5-2 (C Dwyor) 11 Pan

+8.65; T Outra - 68 winners, 407 rides, 16.7%, -582.84.

4.30 Artikos

5.00 Sharp Imp

eson, which has struggled to cast. off its "Ena Sharples" image, was the reason cited by Wilson for the change.

"With the sweet stout market much smaller than it was in the Sixties and Seventies, it is Murphy's which has shown dramatic growth in recent years.
The size of Murphy's com-

pared to Mackeson in the market is a reality to which, sooner or later, we had to respond." The National Hunt fraternity is hardly known for its love of change but, like the Murphy's, the leading trainer David Nicholson is oot bitter.

Nicholson, who saddled Very Promising to victory in the race in 1986 and Another Coral in 1991, said: "It is always sad when they change the old names but you have got to go forward, and I would prefer to drink Murphy's than Mackeson any day.
"I endorse the sponsor's
product - my missus drinks

The Richard Hughes-ridden Daring Destiny, trained by Karl Burke, foiled last year's winner, Hever Golf Rose, in the Group Two Jacobs Goldene Peitsche at Badeo Baden yesterday.

Selection: INCLINATION

4.00 WADWORTH 6X CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) £7,850 added 5f Penalty Value £5,066

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4.30 BODDINGTONS HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m 31 100yds (AW) Penalty Value £4,325

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HETTHE 4-1 Locky Parton, 5-1 Amering Bay, Flord End 15-2 (ling O'The End, 14-1 Princely Rech, 15-1 others 1993: Don't Wony Me 3 8 9 Paul Eddey 3-1 6' Led 6 sen

Murphy's every day for lunch in

years in succession, having also triumphed in the 1986 Grand he had been right.
"He had bad legs all his life Annual Chase. The gelding, who had been suffering from a serious sinus but I thought the world of him. problem, was plagued by leg He was an easy horse to place, trouble for much of his career, a splendid jumper with plenty He was retired after aggravat- of speed - a machine." FORM CLENATION was a 25-1 shot when making her debut at Salishury two weeks ago but befind those odds with a transmissus editor, making the numbring and quickering coer at the
sep-fusion pole coly to be seen down close home and beaten hair a length by Courtes,
the market leader. Michael Bearshord's 169, drawn one off the stands side an stall eight,
can soon be at the head of allows and she will take some pagging back on this sharp track.
Sali Badd Badd, looking in need of the root, was easy to back at hexcessis (35) three weeks
ago on his single star, so fat, Mark Johnston's coft, a son of Nertucky Certy hero Surny a
Histo, finished shird of load behalf Alphatic Circle but, was bearen only too and a quarter lengths
and will improve quite a bit, especially over this extra furlong, John Gosdon's Quant For
Best, a son of 1990 Darby victor Quant For Farrie, is a newcomer to note.

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# WISSE BOACHE FOR

2.20 Monaco Gold 2.50 Lunar Music 3.20 Pm Still Here 3.50 Fisiostar 4.20 Ragtime Girl 4.50 Def-

STALLS: Straight course - far side; round course - haide.
DRAW ADVANTAGE; High best for 71. Unaw AUVARTANES; High best for 75.

Eligibi-hand oral course with tight turns. The straight of course is one of the fastest in the country.

Course in the miles east of Edinburgh on A1, Bus link from Edinburgh station five miles east, of Edinburgh on A1, Bus link from Edinburgh station five miles east, ADMOSSHON; Carb &1 1; Tut-termile &6 (OAPs and unemplayed \$3), Accompanied under-16s free, CAR PARKE Proc.

fodil Express

BLINKERED FIRST TDER: Berechols Led (2.50), Termon (vi-

BLINKESEND FINDS ADMIN SEVEN DAYS: None.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

LONG-DEFANCE EUNNIESS; Just Lady (L50) has been sent 40?

notes by Winner from Corton Departure, Summers; Halls-Death (2.20)

A Scattlebury (3.50) have been sent 370 pulses by E Burke from Guge, Onfurdative, Coloresh (4.30) sert. 357 miles by P Cole from What-combe, Onfortshire; Lemm Music (2.50), Stride (3.20) & Songalesst (4.50) have been sent 383 miles by Martyn Meade from Sherston,

1	2.20	ROYAL SCOTS HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,500 added 1m 4f 31yds
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2		BLENGTHER TERRACE (ST) (C) C Booth 3 B 8 A College 3
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A	00032	Foll THROTTLE (12) M Tomple's 3 8 2
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6	6-40000	CHANTEY BEAUTY (13) (23) C Troman 58 10
		Does McKeren 4
7	5006-00	NOW ESPRIT (100) J Day 3 8 8
8		CHIEFASPE (LS) (D) J PictGents 488K Febra 1
9		MONACO GOLD (20) Mrs M Revoley 4 8 6 D Wingse (5) 8
10		PAPED MOVER (30) O Notion 9 7 10

	2.50	SALAMANCA SELLING STAK F) £3,500 added 2YO 5f	ES (CLAS
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41		8-1 Westing Name, 10-1 Tree Perspective	144 -

3.20 STEVE WOOD MEMORIAL NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS E) (for the Royal Scots

Club Cup) £4,400 added 2YO 7f 15yds 

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Con Horgers has done well to send our Petals to win four of his last five races — The abyear-old was a close second in the other. With Paul Eddary, who was in the seddle for all those races, abroad for the rest of the year, bother Pax steps in for the fide. However, Part his been raised 450 for his Bath success, putting him on 10st, and the progressive three-year-old Apticities in a preferred getting 15th, John Gosden's Sedler's Welfs coit, in a visor for the first time, made all under a first hide from Inst. Doyle so hold off PAX Throttle and Passing Stangers in game abject over course and distance 12 days ago. He runs off only a 3b higher mark today. We throwesing work in at Phisestons and Gosdavoid in 1935 and was racing for only the second that the the latter back four weeks ago. He should again have a say in the first, Allicia had the third 10 lengths away when furning the older Laind to a neck at Heydlack last morth. She was beeten miles when through the first had not beeten the same course next time, being essed who all chance had gone, but will not be for away if she can reproduce her certific effort. Prises beautiff is a specialist on the Equitack here with five Victories. He was eight lengths clear of the titled when beeten less than a length by Regask Jameel at Brighton last month but beet only one home in Cartion Versture's reac there they weeks ago.

5.00 MERRYDOWN HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 77 Pendi ty Valoe £3,589

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HETTING: 7-4 Paracet, 7-2 Four Of Species, 15-2 Sharp top, 5-1 Rocky Waters, 10-1 Our Shadoo 12-1 Superior Force, 14-1 Deblysh, John, 18-1 Hawaii Share, Specity Clausic, 25-1 Speciej Claus

Five wins and two accords from eight currier this season — that's PARCHOST'S record this season. From the in-form Sir Mark Present statele, my selection had experience of this surface when a length nature-up behind Accountancy last December and he runs of a 13th lower entiry than in his last tuff rate — when second to Saleemah here. Four Of Spadeshas won three times on the Equipment, once at rately's trip, and might provide most danger despite his herly burden. Sharp hisp and Replay Wasters are both course winners over at further, the former best Paul Burgoyne's numer more than two lengths into fourth at Brighton turries weeks ago and meets him 3t better. Roby Wasters don't get the best of runs at the Sussex track but would not have won in any class. He is on a long leeing sequence and is thed in a vectritis time. Sharp lump, later besten a neck and the same by Crystal Heights and Mallors on a return to the Sussex track but only fourth (of twe) to Mellors there last time, will not be the range, Our Shadon has won five tries over six here and gets seven but it is doubtful whether he will be good exough to give 60 to the selection, and his Ader, Chris Sosily, can no longer claim the 7th ellowance. Speedy Chaesia has sooned four times on this surface, once at the trip, but has lost his way in report races.

Selection: FARNOST

### Camporese representing the Manton trainer, while others to .....K Pallon 5 an McReour 8 .....S Droute 1 3.50 INTER CHRISTMAS TREE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,000 added 3YO 7f 15yds E2024C INACLE GEOMBE ES M Tomptons 97 \_\_\_\_\_M Henry (2) 3 V 4421A3 MELEORAN CETY (15) (D) (BF) J Beny 81 \_\_\_\_ X Owley 2 8 241D45 TERMON (15) (C) Mas L Perret 8 13 \_\_\_\_ X Fortons 7 V D40024 SCXINERURY (S) K Burle 8 13 \_\_\_\_ X Fellon 1 8 45284C CRESIANG (23) (BF) Sr Mark Present 9 12 \_\_\_\_ X Fellon 1

00-0000 PETTE HERITERE (12) M Ryon 8 8 \_\_\_\_\_ M Baile (5) 8 B 00-0000 PETTE HERITERE (12) M Ryon 8 8 \_\_\_\_\_ M Baile (6) 8 00-0002 BARGE LANE (8) (9) E Aston 8 3 \_\_\_\_\_ B Droys 8 400032 BARDONNA DA ROSSI (15) M Dots 7 12 \_\_\_\_ L Chrenock 4 0-04043 RSIOSER (27) M Dots 7 12 \_\_\_\_ M Ramedy 10 B 0-00050 DONNESKY (23) R Basteren 7 10.\_\_\_\_ D Wright (3) 8

Minkeum neight: 7s; 10ts. True handlup weight: Durnusly 6st 9ts. NEITUNE: 2-1 Creeking. 4-1 Uncle George, 5-1 Magic Lake, 21-2 Medon-na Da Rosel, 12-2 Hillotton City, 8-1 Scathebery, 10-1 Fisioster, 22-1

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2	1.20	RILEY SCOTLAND GOLD HI ING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,50 Im 3f 32yds	EART CLAIM- 00 added 3YO
1	006323	BREYDOM (28) M TOMPARE 9 6	Honry (3) 2
2	035002	DOREZ (ES) J Berhall 95	S Droves 3
3		ARC OF THE BRIER (12) J Berry 9 4	
4		CERWOS (100 P Cole 9 1	
5		JERSY-S (19) 9 McFeller 8 10	
6		POLISH SABA (128 M Dorts 8 7	
Ť		THROUGH (12) C Fastures 8 3	
8		RARTIME CURRENL (4) C Thoman B 1	
1	TIPE 5-2	Cobush, 7-2 Ragtime Cought, 4-1 Arc	Of The Diver, 9-2

5620-02	APIC OF THE DIVER (LG) J Berry B 4 K Dealey 8 B	CULTOSIA
13-0002	CERWOR (10) P Cole 9 1	2.10: 1. LATVIAN D. Fation) 11-4: 2.
0	JEMEY-S (19) 9 McYeller 8 10 I Nicholog (7) 4	Trumped 7-4 fav, 3. in The Money 9-4. 8
000050	POLISH SAGA (12) M Docts 8 7	ran, 5, 6. (R Allan, Comhill-on-Tweed), Total;
	THEODIE (12) C Fasturet 8 3	£3.40; £1.50, £1.30. Dual Forecast: £2.80.
	RARTIME CURRENT (4) C Thomas B 1	CSF: £7.14, Non Runner, Les Alames.
	- 8 declared -	2.40: 1. GLADYS ALTHORPE (K.Fallon) 9-
THE 5.2	Cobugh, 7-2 Ragtime Cought, 4-1, Arc Of The Diver, 9-2	2: 2. Society Girl 7-1; 3. Scenicris 14-1.
des 6.1	Dainte, 12-1 Philipport, 20-1 others	13 part. 4-1 fav Lapu-Lapu (4th). 2, nk. U L
,		Evre. Thirski. Tota: £3.90; £2.10, £2.20,
	And the second section of the second section is	£4.20, Dual Forecast: £12.60, CSF: £33.33.
50	PERGODA APPRENTICE HANDICAP	Trieset: £389.10, Trio: £110.80, Non Run-
20	(CLASS F) £3,500 added 5f	ner: Sallyoreally.
		3.10: 1. NAISSANT IK Sledt 5-4 fax: 2.
	NEVERY-FIVE (30) (127) / ProGorate 4 9 11	Special-K 4-1; 3. Perilous Plight 6-1, 7 ran.
	SEK COTTREE (10) (CO) R Whither 4 9 10 5 Drome 8 8	11/1, 2. IR McKellar, Lesmohagow). Total
552235	SONGSHEET (EC) (D) M Monde 3 9 9	£2.00; £1.30, £2.40. Dual Forecast; £5.40.
	D Sweetey (5) 12	CSF: £6.77. After a stewards' inquiry, the re-
21.550	LADY CANOLINE LANG (11) (D) R Bussman 3 9 5	Suft stood.
		3.40: 1. JUST DISSIDENT (Dean Mche-
	SEX FOR LUCK (19) (CO) D Hoten 4 9 3 K Sheet (5) 14	own) 11-1; 2. Brecong II Lad 5-1 far; 3. The
	JOSSCHO (42) (0) / Goine 3 9 2 G Lee 15 B	Happy Fox 10-1, 14 ram, 11/2, 5ht-hd. (R
	ART LADY (13) (D) W Turner 38 0	Whiteler, Wetherbyl, Tota: £15.70; £2.20.
	KNLAR (S) (C) D Crapman 78 12	£2,60, £3,20. Duel Forecast: £189.00.
	15WOLD \$70 (41) J Berry 38 11P Roberts 6	CSP: £65.67. Theast: £556.95. The: £329.70. 4.10: 1. LEVELLED (K Darley) 5-4 p fav;
000013	LEADING PRINCESS (20) (0) Mass L Perset 5 8 11	2. Davis Rock 5-4 rt fav; 3. Mr Fortywicks
		9-1, 5 rap. 1- 31- (M Channon, Upper Lam-
300-005	SUPER SOMOTA (23) (CD) T West 4.8 7	bount, Total £2.20: £1.10, £1.10, Duci Fore-
	A McCartley (5) 7 0	cast £1.40. CSF: £3.06.
030143	Stresser HANDOUR (20) (D) S Resissed 3.8 5	4.40: 1. STAR PERFORMER (K Dorley) 11.
	The state of the s	2; 2, Karaylar 16-1; 3. No More Hassie 16-
500	ANOTHER PROMITMARE (5) (D) (MF) R Moletar 4 8 6 (Tex)	1. 12 mm, 9-4 fav Sultor (5th). Y., 2. IMrs
	Mckeley (7) 23	M Reveley, Soltburn, Tota; £5.20; £1.70,
00-0400	DAFFORM, EXPIRESS (7) M Ryon 3 8 3	£5,00, £1,70. Dual Forecast: £49.60. CSF:
043000	KATY-Q (11) (CD) F Cales 3 B 2	£80.34. Treast: £1,198.26. Tro: £81.50. Non
	- 15 declared -	Runner: Highfield Pet.
PR2 6-1)	Sooty Fire, 13-2 State Cottage, 7-1 Kaler, 8-1 Loading Princess,	Jackpot: £25,718.20 (part won, pool of
er Lack,	10-1 Messis, Sengtheat, 12-1 Definds Express, Just Lady,	E11.229.08 to Musselburgh today).
Jacker	Nightmann, 16-1 others	Placepot: £82.50. Quadpot: £29.90.
		Place 6: £86,72. Place 5; £51.38.

### A STORES TO THE REAL PROPERTY. HYPERION

2.10 Bures 2.40 Brave Patriarch 3.10 Staigue Fort 3.40 Buyers Dream 4.10 Huso 4.40 The Gal-GOING: Good to Firm

GOING: Good in Firm.

Left-hand, undnisting course. Easy fences and long run-in on classe course of 500yds.

Baccoonse is less than 1 mile south-west of town near junction of A698 and A177. But service from Stockion railway station (12 miles away).

ADMINSTON: Patidock SR (CAPs S4); Course S2. CAR PARE:

BLINERED FIRST TIME: Branchies Way (2.10), What's Secret [2,0].

WENNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Bures (2.10) was at Carteries on Transday; Brase (4.10) was at Carteries on Sacarday.

LONG-DEFLANCE RUNNINGES: Positive (2.40) & Minage Dancer (2.10) has been sent 315 miles by Miss C Carter from Chichester, West Susseer, Turyla's Grown (2.10) sent 250 miles by I King from Broad Histon, Wilstoire; Brave Fatrianch (2.40) sent 255 miles by N Henderson from Lambourn, Berbeldre.

2.10 WELCOME TO A NEW SEASON CLAMMING HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,650 added 2m 1f 6206-D1 BLMSS (7) (2) M Tompless 5 11 8 Mr R Waldey (7) V
2,04-C26 ANDRAK (1954) (297) (CD) G III Moon B 10 13 J Callegham
(05365 BRAMBLES WEV (822) Mr M Review 7 10 10 P Moon B
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6274-C35 PORT Mr 1 Stabts 8 10 7 R Onbit (3)
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# One-day success cannot cure England's ailments

DEREK PRINGLE

Cricket Correspondent

Three days after a painful Test and series defeat at the hands of a resurgent Pakistan, Michael Atherton must try to pick up his side and win the Texaco trophy. But if the Texaco has traditionally put the petrol in England's early season tank, the lateness of this three-match setered willpower to the limit.

on the evidence of past seasons, will it be significant. England have often won the limited-overs series (eight out of the last 10) only to be thrashed in the Tests and, although a win over Pakistan would soothe some levered brows, it will not identify those adept at winning matches over the longer distance.

It is not even guaranteed to ries could test his team's bat- sift out our best one-day players eitber. Three months ago a

It will not be easy, despite the very different squad assembled inclusion of new faces. Neither, to play India. Since then, six changes have been made (Chris Lewis the only enforced one), including the shelving of the pinch-hitter: a decision David Lloyd says can be put down to the increased pace of Pakistan's opening bowlers - Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis.

opener at Old Trafford, the perts at the latter, England will right hand-left hand combination of Atherton and Nick on before yorkers and reverse cision that was taken yesterday, has made me more mature and Knight will open for England, swing reduce batting to simply as England stuck to fielding rouresponsible than I was two

the free-scoring Alec Stewart a matter of survival. A start that tines, unable to use the water-

Considering that Stewart was England's best batsman during the Tests, the wisdom of this is not entirely clear. True, the two quicks will not be able to go in for that lethal throat and toecap combination of theirs the former not allowable under Instead, in today's series one-day rules - but, as world exnced to score their runs early

back in his Surrey role at No 3. a rejuvenated Stewart is best equipped to give them.

The batting will need to he long, too. At least that is the conclusion of England's coach after looking at the pitch, which is dry and cracked. Apparently the groundsman, Peter Marron, has had trouble with his grass roots, and the square looks patchy and rough.

Who misses out was not a de-

logged nets. With no Dominic Cork Atherton is bound to want Darren Gough in his starting line-up. The Yorkshireman's ebullience has been

missed and many feel he is ready

for a return to the big time.
"I feel I've done well this season," Gough said yesterday. "I've bowled over 500 overs for Yorkshire and my body has stood up to it. The experience

turned into a line and length

howier either. Dean Headley appeared to be taking his impending break-through to the big time rather calmly. With two recent hattricks in consecutive county matches, Kent's opening bowler is certainly on a roll. In fact, when be got his hat trick against Derbyshire, he asked the victims to sign the ball. One of those

years ago when I first played for England. I'm certainly not a who instead of putting his usu-worse bowler but I've not al smiley face in the O of his surname, drew a sad face in its place. England will be overjoyed if Pakistan's batsmen come off sporting a similar countenance. SPATILITY & SHITHMAN CONTINUATION CONTINUATION OF THE PROGRAM OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY



# Boardman smashes world record in style

**GUY HODGSON** reports from Manchester

For a minute yesterday, Chris Boardman's striving appeared medal in Barcelona four years to be about to deflate like a previously by a second. punctured tyre. At the World Track Championships, he was Lehman and the Manchester

tion on his specially modified hike, but the result was spectacularly mundane. After a quarter of the 4,000 metres pursuit, he was trailing the man he had beaten to win a gold

Then Boardman took off. His new position, arms trailing his old adversary Jens stretched out over extended handlebars, gives the upper Velodrome recoiled in shock. torso an appearance of flight Were the pumped-up words and the 28-year-old Mersey-

His German opponent, who started on the other side of the track, went from cat to mouse in a few huge lunges from Boardman's surprisingly spindly looking legs. At 2,000m, the hunter had become the hunted and Britain's most celebrated

cyclist was two seconds in front. At 2min 10.78-lsec, he was already inside the world record mark set by the Italian Andrea Collinelli en route to gold in Atlanta, but after such a topsy-turvy of the previous day about world sider, after his initial flaps, was start, you wondered at the effects records empty? Boardman had areing round the track as if he of the effort required to drag an

acceleration, Boardman just got faster. By 3,000m, he no longer had to worry about his opponent because be had caught and passed him. As he elocked a staggering 4:13.353. whirled round in a hlur of red, white and blue, it became merely a matter of how much

the record would be broken by. On the previous day, Boardman had been asked whether times would he around the 2:19.699 that Collinelli had set in Atlanta. "I will be more sur-

You need not have bothered. not broken than if it was," he Instead of buckling under the had replied. And as he approached the finish, it was clear to see why. The 2:19 barrier had been demolished - by six seconds, as Boardman

> "The main thing is the new position." Boardman, who later reached today's semifinals, said. "It's making a big difference. It's very aerodynamic. After that we have a very good bike and I'm profiting from the work I did in the Tour de France.

ing to miss them today. It

Torrance, with a crew-cut and

a goatee beard after a two-week

holiday in Jamaica, broke the

trend of those having been away

from the game returning in style

and was five over with two to go

when play was abandoned be-

cause of flooded greens. Woos-

nam, at the same point, was three under after 14 holes, but Per

Haugsrud, of Norway, was dis-

qualified for failing to resume his round after the first break.

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doesn't make any difference."

Eight birdies followed.

gold medal had been put down to motor racing's Formula One technology that had designed his Lotus bike, but Lehman had known differently. "I was beaten by the man, not the machine," he said. As Boardman listed just about everything but

himself yesterday, you would have expected the German to have repeated those senti-

Certainly Boardman looked way ahead of the opposition in the quarter-final Competing against Edouard Gritsoun, he

at one point taking two seconds out of him in a matter of two laps. The result was a formality a long way before the finish and Gritsoun was cycling slowly, watching in admiration.

Boardman had indicated that a second record was unlikely, but he came mighty close. At 2,000m, he was just a fraction behind the blistering pace of the morning and by the finish he was just over a second adrift in 4:14.784. More, you

suspect, is likely today.

### TCCB snubbed by Surrey over Lewis

Surrey yesterday refused a request from the Test and County Crieket Board to omit Chris Lewis from their Championship match with Warwickshire at The Oval, which begins today.

The TCCB had asked Surrey. who are challenging for the title, to leave the all-rounder Lewis out of the team to face Warwickshire, the defending champions, as part of the disciplinary action taken against him for reporting late for the

Test against Pakistan on Sunday. He was then dropped from the England squad for the Texacu Trophy one-day internationals. Michael Soper, the Surrey chairman, said: "We feel that this punishment is harsh but fair and that it should not be taken forward to prevent him playing for his county to whom he is contracted."

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# Montgomerie sets his mind to task ahead

ANDY FARRELL reports from Collingtree Park, Northampton

In toping off early yesterday morning. Colin Montgomerie had two advantages over his Order of Merit rival lan Woosnam. Montgomerie had first use of the Collingtree Park greens that are anything hut, completing his first round in the One 2 One British Masters without interruption.

Woosnam was twice held up by thunderstorms and will have to resume along with half the field at 7.30 this morning. The Seve Ballesteros and Sam Tor-

Frenchmen bouncing off him in

desperate attempts to stop him.

the world of rugby took notice.

following in the footsteps of his

Here, quite possibly, was the new star of Welsh rughy union,

impressive," Montgomerie said of the hrowns, "but they pun better and were truer than they appear." The Scot returned a four-under-par 68, with only South Africa's Gavin Levenson better placed on 66, as is only to be expected after day one of the qualification period for the 1997 European Ryder Cup team.

This season's money-list title is of more importance to the big Scot and the wee Welshman. and Monigomerie has seen off the challenge of Niek Faldo,

caps, but Scott Quinnetl was a

player the Welsh could boast about.

It seems a lifetime ago now, but back in 1994, when there

was only one professional code

accompanying rain left the greens losing their dyc.

"They obviously don't look "They obviously don't

But Woosnam has gained an advantage over the others by following the advice that if you cannot beat Montgomerie, then use his coach. Bill Ferguson bas guided Woosnam to four wins this year and a £51,000 lead on the Order of Merit over Montgomerie, whose form has dipped. "It had to happen that Bill would work with other people," Mont-gomerie said. "I'm surprised it

did not happen earlier." Montgomerie has been moonlighting with putting expert Harold Swash on the prae-

is elsewhere," he said. His father, James, suffered a heart attack last week and is in bospital

in Glasgow after a triple-bypass operation. Montgomerie picked up a club for the first time in two weeks on Monday, while Levenson has not played a tournament since June, nor earned a cheque since March. He was an alternate for the event until Monday evening, when Mark McNulty withdrew, and only arrived from Johannesburg on

Tuesday morning. After missing a six-footer at

### **Redgrave ponders Olympic return** the first, Levenson's caddic told him: "Listen, you are go-

Steven Redgrave yesterday revealed be is on the point of re-versing his decision to retire from competitioo after the Olympic Games in Atlanta. And the 34year-old from Marlow added he has already set his sights on the possibility of winning a recordbreaking fifth successive gold in Sydney in 2000.

Redgrave's revelation came on a day when be was acclaimed champion of champions at a cer-

sponsors of the British team, as the "Olympian who best em-bodies the Olympic spirit", while BBC Radio Five Live awarded him the listeners' choice prize for best Olympie achievement".

Speaking on Rudio Five Live yesterday, Redgrave said: Rowing has been my life for 20 years and I still love it. I'm only 34, in Sydney I'll be 38. That wouldn't be too old. I think I'm capable, the only question is whether I'm capable of having the enthusiasm of doing the training for the next four years." emony in London. He was ho-

**Quinnell: Promotion target** answer to that, even though England's Ben Clarke has

joined as club captain. "I have no intention of playing in the Second Division next year, and I bave no doubts that won't be. As for Wales, the plan is to try and make the side as soon as possible, but I know that I can't expect to just walk

While there will be few doubts about that, one thing is certain: two former luminaries of Welsb union are quietly raising their glasses over Quinnell's return to his first sport. "My dad and unele have al-

ways supported me," Quinnell says, "but I know they're both delighted that I'm hack in union. That's where I really be-

### Carling is left out of England squad DAVID LLEWELLYN charge, added: "This summer I

All Will Carling did last March was to step down as England captain, but before be bas passed a ball in anger, his in-ternational career is being written off, fuelled by the decision of the England coaeb, Jack Rowell, to leave out an illustrious quartet of players, Rory Underwood, Jeremy Guscott, Dean Richards and Carling, from his latest training squad at Bisham Abbey next Wednesday. Once more, the England management insisted nothing should be read into the omissions.

Carling was a puzzled man yesterday, claiming he had not heard from the England management all summer and certainly bad not been given any warning of his axeing from the

Carling, still only 30, insist-ed: "I am desperate to play for England, as always. I can't see any reason why I can't be considered. I want to play for England and age is not an issue." Even so, he was clearly dis-

appointed not to have heard from Rowell prior to the news hreaking. "I haven't been told anything about the rationale bebind the squad," he said. "No one's been in communication with me, but why should they?" Carling, who led England to 44 wins in his 59 matches in

have had no playing commitments and have trained as hard as ever. I hope to be even fitter and make a more influential contribution than last season. Where he will exert that in.

fluence from is a moot point. He begins the season at centre in the Courage League opener against Gloucester on Saturday. but he has said he wants to switch to stand-off. The arrival next month of the Wigan rug-by league centre Gary Connolly, whose signing by Quins along with that of the Bradford Bulls captain and scrum-half Robbie Paul was confirmed yesterday, could well release him to undertake that role.

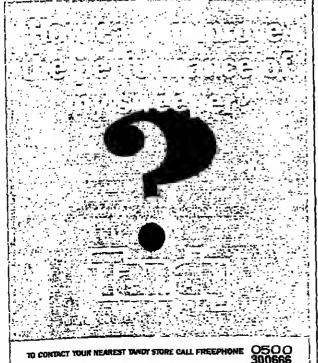
Carling was fulsome in his praise of Connolly, however, and called the Great Britain international "probably the best ugby centre in Britain".

For his part, Connolly was cautious about taking up the 15man code. "I have only played rugby union once before," he admitted, "for Wigan against Bath last May. My sbort-term ambition is to settle in and concentrate on playing well for Harlequins for the time being It is hoped Connolly will make his Quins debut against Cardiff on II September - if the proposed Anglo-Welsh tournament

> England squad. Digest, page 23

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It was that try that did it. From son why Welsh rugby would re-

the moment Scott Quinnell ran emerge from a decade of mis-

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father, Derek, and his uncle, of rugby. Quinnell was too big

Barry John. Here was the rea- a prospect, and too poor a

lan Stafford meets the prodigious rugby talent recruited by Richmond after his productive spell at Wigan

up by the giants of rugby league.

Quinnell strides back a league ahead

Now, 18 months later, and still only 23 years old, he returns

once more as a union man and a pretty wealthy union man when he turns out for the money men from the English Second Division, Richmond, who face Maesteg in a friendly on 31 August. He then travels to Coventry on 7 September for the start of a campaign which both he and the club hope will end with promotion to the

big league. So was the trip up north worth it? "Without doubt," he insists. "I won everything there is in the game, except a cup medal, and I represented Wales and reached the World Cup semi-final. My eyes were opened to a whole new way of playing rugby. I learned what it was like to be really fit, and professional. Although I had no idea at the time, it has prepared me well for my return to rugby union, now that it too, has turned professional."

Judging by the reception Scott Gibbs received in Wales after he left Swansea to join St Helens, Quinnell got off lightly when he broke the news that he was leaving Llanelli. "It was almost as if they

union man, not to be snatched wanted me to leave," be says. "I've never quite been able to work it out. I was expecting

some terrible flak, but I'd say that 90 per cent of the people were behind me. I announced my decision on the Friday, and the following day I went down to Stradey Park to watch Llanelli play Pontypool. Everyone there seemed to wish me

Although the call from Wigan was out of the blue, Quinnell, after consultation with his wife, father and uncle, needed little time to be persuaded. "Basically my Dad and Barry wanted what I wanted. and did not attempt to stop me leaving Wales," he says, "Like everyone else, there was little going on in Wales, and I had my three-year-old daughter's security to think of. I was also genuinely interested to give league a go, because I believed it suit-

ed my style of play."

And did it? "In the end, but it was a hell of a shock at first. They kept playing me in the seconds in order to let me find my way. I kept asking to be given a crack in the first team, and when they did, after five or six games, I could see why they were holding me back. It was only against Rochdale, but afterwards I was looking for-

ward to playing for the seconds again.
"But it got a lot easier for me

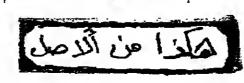
by the end of the first season, and I played all my matches for the firsts last season. I wouldn't say I'd cracked it, but I was a much better player when I left, and I will be a better union player for the experience." Which is good news for Richmond who, together with fellow Second Division club Newcas-

tle, have amhitions to become one of the dominant forces in English rugby before not too long. Like his Wigan decision, it took little time to be sold on the Richmond ticket. "I was impressed by the othor players they'd signed, by the way they outlined their package to me, their plans for their

whole structure and, to be honest, I always saw myself as a union man. I'd been playing the game since I was eight, so by coming to Richmond, although not geographically, I feel as if I am returning home again to my sport." The next few weeks will be interesting times for both Quinnell and his club. Will the money pumped into the club by

the businessman from Monte Carlo, Ashley Levett, start to pay off, and will Quinnell make the start he is looking for, both for Richmond and possibly for Wales, and if so, in what position? "As far as I'm concerned, I'm

playing at No 8," is Quinnell's



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### Ivanisevic avoids further ignominy hdan Ulihrach in five sets, Rosset was defeated by the Amerhand ~ normally a safety shot ican Jared Palmer in four and hardly functioned at all, and be Krajicek was the victim of an unlucky draw and an off day, los-

Three men's seeds fell in the first round of the US Open at

year run of New York misery.

and stunning downward spiral at Flushing Meadow. A third-

round loss in 1992 was fol-

lowed by a second-round defeat

in 1993 and then two first-

round defeats in 1994 and 1995.

New York, but the biggest sur-prise of of the Grand Slam's secing to Stefan Edberg in straight sets. The Swede, champion in 1991 and 1992, is playing in his ond day was that Goran Ivanisevic was not one of them. final Grand Slam. The fourth-seeded Croat beat While Tim Henman prothe Russian Andrei Chesnokov duced a thoroughly workman-1-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 under the lights

like performance in difficult on a balmy night to end a fourconditions, his fellow Briton Greg Rusedski's miserable run Since reaching the fourth round in 1991 the talented Croat, twice a Wimbledon runin this event continued when he crashed out at the first hurdle. Henman, 21, won 6-2, 6-3, 6-4 against the 25-year-old ner-up, had been on a steady

Brazilian Roberto Jabali, a "lucky loser" who had replaced the injured Mats Wilander. Henman now plays the American Doug Flach, who caused the surprise of this year's Wimbledon when he beat Andre Agassi

Rusedski, who has yet to win a match at Flushing Meadow in three attempts, slumped 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 to Germany's Hendrik Dreekmann. Rusedski had the worst possible start, dropping his opening service game and serving five double-faults in Costa, fell to the Czech Bo- the first two.

In addition, his slice back was two sets down before he got a break point, which he was unable to convert. "Hendrik played very well

You can't give a player like him the start I gave him. I don't think I could have done anything different with the first two sets, but I just wasn't playing well enough to take my chances," Rusedski said. The women's holder, Steffi

Graf, had to work hard for her 6-3, 7-6 win over 29th-ranked Indonesian Yayuk Basuki. "I won the second set, which I didn't think I would do, being down 5-2 and the chances she had at 6-5," Graf said. Several of the other women's

seeds had less difficulty reaching the second round. Spain's Conchita Martinez, the fourth seed, thrashed the Romanian Ruxandra Dragomir in 58 minutes with the loss of just two games, one more than the second seed Monica Seles, who opened the second-day programme by crushing her com-



Goran Ivanisevic hits a forehand during his victory over the Russian Andrei Chesnokov in New York

# Brown's red carpet for Ferguson

Football

RUPERT METCALF

Craig Brown is hoping that the man who has terrified Premiership defences so far this season can do the same on the world stage - starting in Vienna this Saturday.

For various reasons, Duncan Ferguson has rarely been available to the Scotland manager. so Brown is hugely relieved that the Everton target man is ready to make his first international appearance for 20 months against Austria in the

Scots' opening World Cup qual-ifier. "Duncan has never been this fit and this ready for us," Brown said yesterday at his squad's hotel in Dunblane. "It is up to us to get the best out of him, and up to him to take his chance. At his age he could be around indefinitely."

Ferguson missed Euro 96 with a groin injury and has yet to score in five senior appearances, with the last coming against Greece in December 1994. Injury, suspension and a iail sentence for assault have kept him out since then.

land's attack alongside Ally McCoist - the player after whom Ferguson once named one of his racing pigeons. Scotland, who fly to Vienna

this afternoon, have one injury worry, Colin Hendry, the Blackburn defender, is awaiting the result of a scan on a groin problem that has been bothering him all season. Barry Hunter, Reading's

£400,000 summer signing from Wrexham, has withdrawn from the Northern Ireland squad for Saturday's World Cup qualifi-

ready to take his place in Scot- after breaking down with a knee injury during a training session in his home town of Coleraine on Monday night. The 27-year-old defender sees a specialist today to assess the extent of the injury.
"It's a blow, for Hunter had

been playing exceptionally well and established an excellent partnership with Colin Hill," said Bryan Hamilton, the Northern Ireland manager, Arsenal's Steve Morrow has been added to the squad to provide defensive cover - Barnsley's Gerry Taggart was unavailable

Wales, who face San Marino at Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday, prepared for the World Cup qualifier with a 6-1 win over the League of Wales side, Cwmbran Town, on Tuesday, Both Dean Saunders, troubled by blisters, and Mark Pembridge, who has an ankle injury, sat out the game but Bobby Gould, the Wales manager, was happy with

the warm-up. "It was very important for them to play tojourney, changing trains in the gether again after a long spell apart," he said. His team last played in early June, when they won 5-0 in San Marino in their Now, though, Ferguson is er against Ukrame in Belfast, because of a hamstring injury. first Group Seven game.

in Moldova this weekend were warned yesterday they must have valid visas before they try to enter the former Soviet state. porters with tickets for Sunday's game are known to be planning to set off on a two-day train

> Romanian capital, Bucharest. The Moldovan authorities had informed the Football Association that supporters with tickets could pick up their visas when they reached the border and then travel on to Kishinev. However, officials at Lan-

caster Gate have now been told that unless fans turn up at the border with visas already stamped, they will be denied acfound out that there could well be one." Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said. The fans who haven't got visas yet must get one from the Moldovan consulate in Bucharest before boarding the train for Kishinev." Double added that the FA

was doing all it could to help supporters get to the game at the 20,000-capacity Republi-can Stadium. "We've appealed

## **Fans warned about** visas for Moldova

England followers preparing to travel by train to Glenn Hoddle's first match in charge ed the Moldovan consulate to agree to open on Saturday. It will be open from Sam to 7pm local time to deal with visas, We're aware that some fans might already be en route, and About 100 England supwon't know about this, and we don't want fans going all that way only to get stranded.

The embassy has also stuck up posters in English at Bucharest station telling the fans what they have to do, but I must stress that unless supporters have a visa their chances of getting in are remote." Richard Rufus, the Charlton

defender, has become the lat-est player forced out of the England Under-21 squad for their opening European Championship qualifying match in Moldova on Saturday.

Manchester United midfielder, Chelsea's Jody Morris and the Queen's Park Rangers striker Kevin Gallen from his chosen squad of 19.

And yesterday, Taylor, who has called up the Everton youngster Michael Branch as striking cover, was forced to rule out the Charlton centre-half. An FA spokesman, Clare Tomlinson, said: "Richard had a scan on his knee and unfortunately he's had to go home. But the good news is we expect Emile

### **Edwards** agrees to stay at Wigan

sport

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

Shaun Edwards has agreed a one-year extension to his Wigan contract which will keep him at Central Park until after the 1998 season - but will miss Great Britain's tour this an-

Edwards, who had been linked with a possible move to London Broncos or Satford after his recent public dissatis-faction at Wigan, wanted a contract extension or a transfer. He does not want to start next season, however, with a knee which has been giving him trouble for some time - and surgery on it will rule him out of the tour to Papua New Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand.

The surgeon has seen the results of the scan and I expect to see him in the next couple of weeks to decide when the operation should take place," Edwards said. "It's upsetting to miss a second tour through injury, because I missed the 1990 trip the same way. But that's part of life in rugby league."

"tt's a blow, but it is not entirely unexpected," Phil Larder, the Great Britain coach, said. "We have known for some time that he has had a bad knee and it could need an operation,

Larder must now choose a replacement for Edwards, as well as for Gary Connolly, Jason Rohinson and Lee Jackson, whose participation has been blocked by their contracts with the Australian Rugby

"We have lost four Test players and it could be that we need to bring in at least one very experienced international player, instead of simply straight replacements for the ones we have lost," Larder said.

Great Britain's hack-up scrum-halves are Ryan Sheridan of Sheffield Eagles and Craig Mnrdock, who has kept Ed-wards out of Wigan's starting line-up at times this season, but Larder could be thinking of a recall for Daryl Powell, who has won 28 caps at sland-off and ceotre. There will be no decision until oext week, when other members of the tour management team will all be

First and Second Division clubs are to meet tomorrow to discuss their concern over the possibility of losing part of their share of the money from News Limited in order to give Super League clubs more.

Among other suggestions, there is a lobby for a return to winter rugby for the lower divisions, but the League's chief executive, Maurice Lindsay, warned yesterday that decisions affecting the game's future can only be made by all clubs. when they next meet on 11 Sep-

# Anderton hoping to make early return

attenham's Darren Anderton two more months," he said, around the injury has become weights and having treatment, The Porto striker Domingos buits that the groin injury "but I don't read that nonsense, a little bit sore and weak. I'm but I'm hoping that by the start will miss Portugal's World Cup cess. "We were originally told peler Taylor, the coach, had uch kept him out of football I don't know if I will be back for determined to look after myself of next week there will be a hig qualifier against Armenia and that there wouldn't be a proball coach, had lost the probability of next week there will be a hig qualifier against Armenia and that there wouldn't be a probable already lost Nicky Butt, the r seven months last season uld leave the legacy of a rerring problem in his career. But Anderton, whom Engnd have had to leave out of air opening World Cup match ainst Moldova on Sunday, disssed suggestions that he faces other long lay-off after miss-5 Spurs' goalless draw with erton last weekend.

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the next Spurs game at Wim-hledon oext Wednesday, but I'm certainly looking to be fit to

the England game, but I had such a bad time last season that just starting the new one fit and healthy was wonderful for me. The last operation 1 had was a hig one and even though 1 came back at the end of last season and played in Euro 96, I was never able to train very much. . "And with so many matches

In the second of yesterday's three races he brought off the

mined challenge from the series

in a north-westerly wind. It was the Budgen brothers who came

through 10 win their fourth

France's Dominic Bourgeois

Challenge from Galway as the

10 yachts neared the finish in

race in nine starts.

play again as soon as possible.

It is a big blow for me to miss

properly and not push things too far when I'm not 100 per cent."

There has been inevitable reaction to the surgery Anderton had last winter, the second of two hernia operations removing a large piece of muscle which had become irreparably damaged.
"Tve still had aches and pains and it may be something that keeps happening from time to time," he said. "But if I have to

miss a few matches now and again, so be it. The main thing is I am back playing again on a m-mates fly out to Moldova. in such a short time at the start more regular basis. no blood has seeped into the inTm told that some people are of a new season, it is not realgesting I will now be out for by surprising that the area question of working with be playing again in a fortnight." scorer last season with 25 goals. able to get their visas, "he said. on his hamstring injury."

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His Tottenham team-mate back in action in two weeks.

Tony Lanaghan, the Spurs right knee during training for physiotherapist, said: "Happily, Chris has not injured his menia, a World Cup Group Achilles as we first feared. The Driblem is a medial ligament Dr Mario Beca, who is also problem is a medial ligament the worst that means four weeks out. We are waiting for the re- Domingos would need more to the British emhassy in sult of a scan to make sure that than three months to recuper- Bucharest. If we hadn't, then

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Parke said he was a victim of "I did not vote for the change," Parke said. "I do not think it was needed - everyone wants to change it back."

The win was revenge for Ryan who was beaten by the 24year-old Parke in the Al Ahram tournament in Egypt in May when the Englishman was not fully fit after his illness. The second seed, Rodney

Pakistan, who is ranked just eight places below him. "It's a product of the system that 1 met him in the first round but the way I look at it if I did not play him in the first round I would have met him in

victory. "It was not a great perfor-mance but considering I have not had a match since May it's good to get through. He had a good night - when he gets a smift of a chance he does not give

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Tennents, who begin their second year of sponsorship of Scottish club rugby on Saturday, have announced increased priba-money for the Tennents Scottish Cup competition, with the winners receiving £20,000. The beaten finalists will get £12,000 while top prizes in the Sheld and the Bowl will be £2,500 and £1,500 respectively.

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The condition of Alexander Popov, the Olympic champion who was stabbed in a street row on Sunday, was Improving yesterday according to the president of the Russian swimming federation, Gennady Alestini. The wound had affected one of his lungs and a lothey, but his condition is now stable. The 24-year-old Russian became the first swimmer to retain the Olympic 50 and 100 metres freestyle titles in Atlanta last month.

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### TODAY'S NUMBER

The consecutive number of months that Brazil have headed Fifa's world rankings. August's top six remained unchanged from July, with the South Americans followed by Germany, France, the Czech Republic, Italy and the Netherlands.

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ate flurry redeems England land came from behind to beat Russia 3-1.

England were rocked by the Russians in the 13th minute when they were penalised for obstruction, with Elena Fedotova converting the penalty stroke. Their cause was not helped a minute later when the captain, Lucy Newcombe, who has a fractured thumb, was forced to leave the pitch.

Although England dominated the midfield exchanges, the Russians were dangerous on the break and it was not until the last 20 minutes that England took control. Fiona Greenham provided

the breakthrough and 10 minutes later she was denied a second goal as a Russian defender fell on the hall. Denise Marston-Smith came on to convert the penalty stroke and with three minutes to go, Greenham finished off an intricate penalty corner move. up."

### Parke blames defeat on new seedings

Simon Parke, the England in-ternational and world No 5, hlamed a controversial new seeding system for his surprise first-round defeat by Ireland's Derek Ryan in the Hong Kong Open on Wednesday.
Parke, who is making a come-

fight testicular cancer, lost 15-11, 15-11, 2-15, 15-11 to the world No 15. the new system - which reduces the number of seeded players from 16 to 8 - brought in by the Professional Squash Associa-tion. As a result of it, highly ranked players often meet each other in the first round of events.

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the second," said Eyles, after his 15-6, 8-15, 15-10, 7-15, 15-12

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GLENN MOORE

There were 12 of us gathered in the small room. Outside, the afternoon sun had given way to heavy rain, inside the air grew sticky as we searched for the answer. A man's future

was under consideration. It felt like the set for the film "12 Angry Men", hut this was not so much a whodunit as a whowasit. The Henry Fonda fig-ure thought he knew the man's identity but, instead of pointing the rest of us in the right di-

rection, Glenn Hoddle was playing for time. There were four days to his first match as England coach and he was not ready to reveal his captain.

The 11 pressmen prodded and prohed. Would he be young, a new face for a new era (Gareth Southgate)? Or an experienced head to oversee the transition (Stuart Pearce)? Did he need to be a club captain? Would he be a passionate man (Pearce or Paul Ince)? Or a thoughtful one (Southgate)? Was it a short-term appointment (was he waiting for Tony Adams and David Platt to be fit before making a final decision)?

"It's like Cluedo," said Hoddle as the inquisition ground on.
"Twe not yet decided. It could be short-term. We are now playing a series of away games in tough countries." (It must be Pearce, we thought.)

"But if it is going to be long-term it has got to be the right man." (Maybe not Pearce.) "What makes a good cap-tain? Someone who can perceive the game as a good captain should." (Perhaps Platt,

or Southgate.)
"People have a fallacy about captains ranting and raving - 'if they put their fists up they're a good captain' - which is a load

of rubbish." (Bad news for Pearce and Adams

The best I had was Steve Perryman. He was a tremendous talker and an unselfish player for other players who were more gifted than him. That's a wonderful captain." (Adams after all.)

"We have a few potential cap-tains in the squad. It is impor-tant it is someone who handles himself well, on and off the pitch." (That rules out Paul Gascoigne and, more realistically, Spins' new captain, Teddy Sher-ingham. Possibly Paul Ince, too. But it is good news for Southgate - or Alan Shearer.)

ers have to respect. There are a guaranteed long-term choice a few who might think there are when he is. In the short-term a few who might think there are reasons why they won't become captain, but we will see."
(David Seaman, Shearer?)

Does it matter if he is not captain of his club? "A little bit of experience helps." (Interesting. A simple 'yes' would have ruled out Southgate, he is not the As-ton Villa captain, but he was cap-tain at Crystal Palace.) Is age a factor? "You would

not give it to a youngster."
(That rules out David Beckham

and Sol Campbell.)
So, who is it? The best captain is unquestionably Adams.

thing for the future. I think he [Hoddle] will choose a player But he is not fit and will not be with a lot more experience."

All will be revealed tomor-Pearce would do a fine job in a row, shortly before the squad fly place like Moldova, where Engoff to Moldova. Robbie Fowler land play on Sunday, but the

and Steve McManaman will temptation must be to chose not be going, although they Southgate. Intelligent on and off the pitch, Southgate's appointdid join the training camp yes-terday. Steve Howey has already gone home but David Batty and Les Ferdinand began light train-ing yesterday while Gascoigne ment would symbolise a new era. He and Hoddle could do for English football what Will Carling and Geoff Cooke did for English rugby.

When asked about the captaincy earlier in the week,
Southgate replied: "It is fanplayed in a practice match against an under-21 side. Since you ask, the first team

won comfortably. Brown courts Ferguson. tastic to be mentioned in that

### Kinkladze future at City put on hold

ALAN NIXON

Francis Lee, the Manchester City chairman, moved swiftly yesterday to try to keep Gew-gi Kinkladze at Maine Road.

The Georgian midfielder seemed to be on the brink of following Alan Ball out of Man-chester in the wake of the manager's resignation on Monday, but yesterday Lee told Kinkladze's Swiss-based agent, Phillipe Hubert, that talks on the player's future would have to wait until there is a new man in charge at Maine Road. Celtic are reportedly keen on buying Kinkladze and there have been enquiries from European clubs.

Meanwhile, City players are puzzled by Lee's suggestion that senior professionals want-ed Kinkladze out of the side last season. One player said: "The only time anything was said was when Garry Flitcroft suggested we change the midfield to leave one man back to cover for Georgi's runs. Nobudy was ever against Georgi and it's trash to suggest there was a campaign against him and blame it on forner players."

Lee gave a guarded response to comments from George Graham, the former Arsenal man-ager, on Tuesday. "I know that George Graham has publicly said on radio that he would be interested in being the manager of Manchester City," Lee said, "But, if he doesn't contact us, we presume he didn't mean what he said."

Another manager looking for a new job is Andy King, who was dismissed by Mansfield Town yesterday. The former Everton midfielder was suspended on Monday, and left the Third Division club after a meeting with the chairman, Keith Haslam, that lasted only 15 minutes. The reserve team manager, Steve Parkin, takes temporary charge at Field Mill.

Jimmy Thomson has resigned as manager of Raith Rovers after just six months in charge of the Scottish Premicr Division club.

Leicester City have agreed a fee of £800,000 for the former Everton and Oldham striker, Ian Marshall. Stoke have taken a Portuguese defender, Hugo da Costa, on extended loan from Benfica while Port Vale have signed Roberto Luconi, the top scorer for Ancona in Italy's Serie B last season, also on a long loan.



the shade. The 19-year-old son of the former all-rounder, Ian. was pitched in for a surprise first appearance by injury-hit Hamp-shire against Middlesex at Portsmouth and the medium pacer celebrated by dismissing former England captain Mike Gatting with his seventh deliv-

ery in professional cricket. Botham then had John Carr out to his 18th ball and returned later in the day to polish off the Middlesex resistance by dismissing Richard Johnson, Ricky Fay and last man Phil Tufnell.

His dad's first-class debut for Somerset against Lancashire at Taunton in 1974 was far less auspicious. Then aged 18, Botham Snr made 13 in his only innings of the match before being caught by the England coach David Lloyd off the bowling of David Hughes. He bowled three overs for 15 runs and took one catch to dismiss Jack Sim-

Yesterday Middlesex, who nisk were all out for 199 in 60 overs with Botham claiming 5 for 67 in 15 overs. Hampshire responded uncertainly and closed at 105 for

There was an element of

good fortune about some of those wickets, so I suppose people will say it's typical Bothof the same thing, though he liked to think he bowled peo-

ple out.
"I have not spoken to my dad
hut I will later. He did not know I would be playing hecause it was a last-minute job. Mike Gatting shook my hand before the start and wished me well, which was nice of him."

Gatting was caught at square leg by Matthew Keech for eight and left staring at the heavens as Botham was engulfed by his team-mates, "Liam seems to have a bit of

Ian's flare, but he is his own man and determined to make his own way," Gatting said. "I have watched him grow up so I wished him good luck at the Botham almost missed out on

his hig day. He was in an overnight squad of 14 and reported to Portsmouth's United Services ground for pre-match practice. However, Kevan lames and John Stephenson passed fitness tests and Botham Southampton to continue playing in a second XI match also against Middlesex.

When he arrived there was an urgent message for him to retrace his step to Portsmouth



Liam Botham (hands on knees) celebrates after dismissing Mike Gatting as he took 5 for 67 at Portsmouth yesterday

jury had worsened.

A motorway traffic jam held him up still further and Botham arrived after acting captain Rohm Smith had led his team out to field after losing the toss.

layed until the end of the second over when he came on the field just as the Middlesex opener Jason Pooley was leaving it, after being caught lbw on the back foot to Simon Renshaw.

I with Botham still tying up his shoelaces at mid-on when the third over began. Paul Weekes and Mark Ramprakash took the over as Gatting turned a halfscore to 36 before Weekes was leg before to Jim Bovill for 28. Watthew Keech clutched the

am to make his entrance as a bowler and he took a wicket with the first ball of his second Photograph: Solent News

Botham was engulfed by his ubilant team-mates and Gatting, after raising his head in the air, trudged back to the pavil-

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## THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



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  12 Carved mantelpiece that is to be removed by arrange-
- 14 Agent accepting musical ece is sentimental (5) 15 Understand for the most part little woman's disrep-
- utable (5) 16 Being obsessive about the re- 5 sults of matches? (9) 18 Articles about races con-
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- sociated with new year (5) Exercising a powerful attraction? (7-8)
- 23 Show tolerance when tracking underworld boss (7)
  24 Old king mostly carried by pony, not on horse (\*)
- Drink at university leads to fracas (5-2)
- Strains Olympic winners in variably get? (8.7) Stylish monarch taken in by some deception (9) Help needed entering public

house — it s a pest (5)

- 13 Former secretary accepting one politician is making amends (9)

  14 Vital cup-tie inflames one in-ordinately (9)
  - 15 Marine life form evoking dread in children (7)

    17 Total disorder results when chief comes in - no matter

Date taken from old calen-

Malicious missive from cor-rupt character, with central

It goes with a stripe, as a rule

dar in church office (5)

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# RFU look south for **England fixtures**

**Rugby Union** DAVID LLEWELLYN

The Rugby Football Union is hracing itself for banishment from the Five Nations' Championship amid signs that it has already begun planning alternatives to the Five Nations bome fixtures in February and March

One RFU committee member said last night that southern hemisphere countries had already been contacted regarding possible matches in that period. France had said they would still turn up for their date at Twickenham on 1 March, but it is unlikely that they will be permitted to do so by their three partners, who have extracted a pledge that none of the four will

23 November

30 November

14 December

11 February

†1 March

\*February

\*September

October

November

November

July

\*Early-Mid March

\*Early December

Mid-December

play England between January and April next year.

That leaves the RFU with two dates to fill and it will need high-quality opposition to appease the players, the fans and, most critically, the Twick-enham debenture holders, who have been threatening to sue England's hierarchy if they are rohbed of what many regard as a sacrosanct social and sporting

And the suspicions that something is in the pipeline

reinforced by the former England captain Will Carling, who yesterday hinted that Twickenham was already drawing up plans to fill gaps in the international fixture list between January and March next year. When told that no matches

**How England's** fixtures for 1996-97 could look home **New Zealand Barbarians** home Argentina home Scotland home France ' nome New Zealand

home South Africa home away South Africa away New Zealand home New Zealand II home home Scotland (Calcutta Cup)

t = scheduled Five Nations matches at Twickenham \*= possible alternative fixtures, with the emphasis on the southern hemisphere

Australia

Australia

France

Additionally, France and Scotland have both indicated their willingness to play England, but if they take part in a Four Nations tournament they have pledged not to play England from January to April inclusive. So England would have to find, or create, gaps in the domestic schedule to avoid a clash with Courage League and Pilkington Cup ties.

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could be arranged in that peri-od the England centre said: "I don't know. I have heard dif-

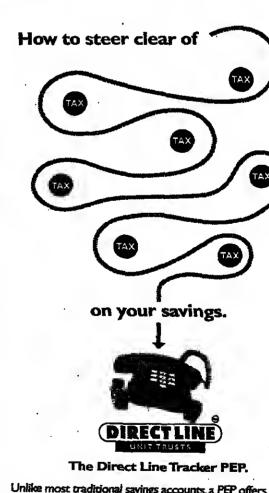
ferently." The choice confronting the RFU is straightforward. It can enter the Last Chance Saloon and throw in its lot with the other four unions; or they can leave town and set up camp south of the Equator.

The other four unions yes terday issued a statement which read: "The [Five Nations television) committee has finalised the dates for the Four Nations' Championship to be played next year between January and April 1997 on a home and away basis, involving France, Scot-land, Ireland and Wales. This decision will be reported to a meeting of the full committee of these unions next week. Between now and then discussions will take place in one final attempt to persuade the RFU to save the Five Nations' Championship in its current form."

Carling, who has opposed the RFU's independent negotiations which led to an £87.5m five year deal permitting BSkyB to hold the exclusive live hroadcasting rights for all matches, club and representative, on English soil, provided some unexpected support for the men he once famously described as "57 old farts".

When asked how big a blow expulsion from the Five Nations' Championship would be, he said yesterday: "It depends what the alternative international rugby would he. If it's home and away with the southem hemisphere you can't get better than that.

"What the game needs is to provide the best possible rugby for the national side and develop the game to a standard that can cope with the southern hemisphere, but I still think there needs to be terrestrial television coverage of rugby at a high level."



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